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Labour to resume courtship of Murdoch

Anne Perkins
Political Correspondent

THE Government will attempt to repair its badly damaged relationship with Rupert Murdoch when Gordon Brown delivers a keynote speech at a conference next month of the media tycoon's top editors and executives.

The Chancellor's invitation to the meeting, in the Sun Valley ski resort in Idaho, will be seen as a reinforcement of the close links between the Prime Minister and Mr Murdoch — a relationship knocked sideways last week when the Sun, a flagship Murdoch paper, launched a frontal attack on Tony Blair. It asked if the Prime Minister was "the most dangerous man in Britain" for seeming "determined to scrap the pound" and take Britain into the European Union's future single currency, the euro.

Although Mr Brown will use the Murdoch occasion to restate the Government's position on the euro — that a decision is unlikely before the next election and will be put to a referendum, but that British financial institutions should prepare for membership — the Idaho conference will also give him a chance to meet Mr Murdoch informally and at length. It will be the first gathering of the News Corp top brass since they were addressed three years ago in Australia by Tony Blair, then Opposition leader.

Mr Blair's speech was a key element of Labour's courtship of Mr Murdoch and his British papers — most notably the Sun — which alarmed many of the party's activists. The Sun subsequently switched parties to endorse Mr Blair at the last election, and its support continued until last week's attack.

Mr Brown has met Mr Murdoch only a few times, according to close aides. Mr Murdoch is said to view the Chancellor's interventionist instincts with the same suspicion he accords Brussels, and is wary of his attacks on News International's tax arrangements.

Last night, sources close to the Chancellor insisted: "There is no way he is going to flinch from putting forward his views [to the News Corp meeting]. They are the views he has put before the Commons."

However, there was some speculation that Mr Murdoch might try to exploit the differences between Prime Minister and Chancellor in the run-up to a future Cabinet decision on a single currency.

The invitation was issued before the Sun's attack and the Government's announcement that the rights to live coverage of Test cricket were up for sale. In 10 days' time some MPs will try for the last time to force the Government to outlaw predatory pricing in the newspaper industry — with what Mr Blair has dismissed as a "get Murdoch" amendment to the Government's Competition Bill.

Downing Street was "relaxed" about last week's Sun attack, believing it was done with Mr Murdoch's knowledge but not at his instigation, after Mr Blair's euro-friendly statement at the Cardiff summit a fortnight ago, and reports suggesting Labour strategists believed Mr Murdoch could be persuaded to love the euro.

Both Chancellor and Prime Minister will be reiterating the Government's "prepare and decide" position in the next couple of days — Mr Brown in Brussels at the European Monetary Committee, and Mr Blair tomorrow at the launch of the European Central Bank.

The Prime Minister, on the last day of Britain's six-month presidency of the EU, is expected to insist again on the need for British financial institutions to ready themselves for a single currency. But he will also renew calls for reform of European institutions. Mr Murdoch is known to regard the European Union as bureaucratic and interventionist.

Some Labour backbenchers, fearing Mr Blair may be too anxious about the influence of Mr Murdoch's media empire to risk alienating him over regulation of his business interests, were privately concerned that Mr Brown was going to Idaho.

Last night David Winnick, a backbench critic of the relationship between Mr Blair and Mr Murdoch, said: "I don't mind whether Gordon Brown goes to this conference, but I am concerned about the excessive media power of Mr Murdoch's empire and the manner in which he can undermine rivals."



March clashes loom



An Orangeman stands defiantly in front of a roadblock on the Ormeau Road, Belfast, yesterday. The Orange Order fears the Drumcree march will be re-routed PHOTOGRAPH: DAN CHUNG

Trimble under new pressure to keep party united

John Mullin
Ireland Correspondent

ORANGEMEN are tonight expected to finalise contingency plans for scores of illegal marches throughout Northern Ireland next Sunday — a move which threatens to overshadow the first meeting of the assembly following last week's elections.

The assembly meets on Wednesday, with David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, set to emerge as first minister.

The Orangemen believe that the Parades Commission, set up to rule on contentious marches, will today bar the Orange Order from its usual route, turning it away from the nationalist Garvaghy Road. The Parades Commission refused to comment last night.

More than 1,000 troops have been drafted into Portadown, and fears are rising that next week will see the worst clashes yet at Drumcree, the most important parade in the Orange Order's calendar. It has been marred by violence for the last three years.

It has particular significance this year as a rallying point for Orangemen's disaffection with the Good Friday Agreement. Most see their right to march at Drumcree as a last stand.

The Government was keen to make sure the elections went ahead before Drumcree. It also forced the Parades Commission to abandon plans to publish its preliminary finding in April for fear of wrecking the referendum campaign. The commission was then believed to have decided the march should be re-routed.

But it means another traumatic week for Mr Trimble, wrestling to keep his party united. He managed to emerge from the assembly elections with 28 members, just enough to make the parliament work.

Jeffrey Donaldson, MP for Lagan Valley, yesterday hinted he may quit the party if Mr Trimble takes the Ulster Unionists into a power-sharing executive with Sinn Fein before the IRA hands in its weapons. He has been a constant irritant to Mr Trimble.

The Orange Order is also furious at Mr Trimble for backing the Good Friday Agreement. Mr Trimble, an Orangeman himself, won the leadership in 1995 after taking a hardline stance in favour of the Orangemen at Drumcree.

Local Orangemen made it clear he would be unwelcome on Sunday. One said: "Drumcree made Trimble. Now it could break him."

Mr Trimble, speaking in support of the march, said: "I am very concerned about the implications of events in the next few days. I hope there are no foolish decisions taken by the so-called Parades Commission. I hope that the violence threatened by the Republican movement is not allowed to proceed."

David Jones, a spokesman for the Orange Order in Portadown, said: "We do not recognise the Parades Commission. We will be marching as far as we can on our normal route. We will not be moving until we are let through."

Northern Ireland's 80,000 Orangemen believe Sinn Fein is behind attempts to politicise the marching issue, and spark violence. Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, has rubbished the claims.

But Breandan MacCionnaith, a representative of the Garvaghy Road residents, said: "People here are very apprehensive and afraid. But they are also resolute in their determination that there is not going to be a march down this road."

Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary, said yesterday that the Parades Commission was in a no-win situation. Attempts to persuade the Orangemen and residents to compromise have failed.

A decision to re-route the march will prompt a stand-off like those in 1995 and 1996. But not to do so would spark nationalist outrage. The march was given the go-ahead last year for fear of loss of life.

The Orange Order is also expected to launch a legal challenge to a ban. It will appeal to the Government to overrule such a decision. But the final decision rests with Ronnie Flanagan, RUC chief constable.

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Doctor plans first challenge to surgeons' 'closed shop'

Sarah Boseley
Health Correspondent

A BRITISH anaesthetist who qualified as a consultant in the United States is taking unprecedented legal action against the medical authorities in the UK who say he cannot have the same status here without further training.

The case will be seen as a challenge to the last and possibly strongest bastion of the medical establishment.

Dr Richard Kaul is described by his solicitor as "one of the new breed of doctors" who are not willing to bow to the traditional practices of the medical Royal Colleges which govern the specialities.

His battle is a first. Few doctors appeal and Dr Kaul has demanded an unprecedented full public hearing before a judge. The confrontation will cost him around £10,000 to £15,000, but Dr Kaul says it is a matter of principle.

Dr Kaul's solicitor, Oliver Mays, of Le Brasseur J Tickle, said his client wanted to challenge "the whole rationale for [the Royal College] coming to their unilateral, arbitrary decision — whether their reasons were fair and what was the basis of their assessment".

The Royal Colleges are prestigious associations that represent medical specialities, set standards and look into issues and new treatments. They have been unchallenged for centuries because the leading men in each field dominate them.

But the Bristol heart babies case which ended recently at the General Medical Council with the disciplining of three top doctors raised questions about the colleges' clubby nature. No warning bells were sounded by them.

Even after the GMC suggested the case raised issues that should concern the entire profession, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Rodney Sweetman, suggested that what happened in Bristol was largely a local matter.

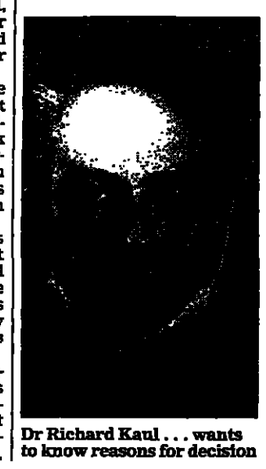
Dr Kaul spent five years at medical school in London, followed by a year as a house officer before departing for the US. He spent seven years there, in training all the time, and qualified as a consultant anaesthetist. It was not an easy ride, he says.

"Working in the south Bronx, it was not unusual to see seven or eight gunshots every night," he said. "The breadth and depth of experience were fairly great."

He returned to Britain in 1995 and began working at the Bristol Royal Infirmary in chronic pain relief. He said he found the hospital "in a timewarp" and got no backing when he wanted to apply for the equivalent status of his consultant rank in the US. He was told he must do over a year's further training.

Dr Kaul says he has found himself in the same position as many hospital doctors from the Indian sub-continent, who are termed "career grade" doctors. The Royal Colleges have been heavily criticised for not allowing them consultant status be-

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Dr Richard Kaul . . . wants to know reasons for decision

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LONDON

Fans free to drink before Cup match

French authorities reject alcohol ban on England supporters

John Duncan in St Etienne

ALCOHOL will not be banned in St Etienne for England's World Cup match against Argentina tomorrow, the local authorities have announced, despite claims in Lens that the ban there was instrumental in preventing trouble last week.

The prefect for the St Etienne area in charge of public order, Jean-Yves Audouin, said a ban would be a waste of police time, though bars will have to close at 11pm tonight and tomorrow.

"The alcohol ban may happen if on Sunday and Monday things don't go well," he said yesterday. "However, we have not planned to implement a ban because it would involve an awful lot of policemen taking alcohol away from people in the street. It will stop them dealing with things that are more serious than people having a drink and enjoying the festivities."

The giant screen that has been in St Etienne's Marengo Square, which experts fear could be a focus for drunken violence of the sort which marred England's first game in Marseille, will be off for the England match and replaced by a concert.

The Football Association said it was satisfied with yesterday's announcement. "It's the same as happened in Toulouse, and everything worked out well there," an FA spokesman said. "The prefect has said it will be assessed and depend on the temperature at the time. Monday night will be crucial."

Yesterday police reinforcements were moving in to town. For other games in the Stade Geoffroy Guichard, including Scotland's match with Morocco, there were 900 police on duty in the town. For tomorrow's game that will be increased to 1,500.

In Lens, there was confirmation that the alcohol ban last week had worked to head off violence. "We are absolutely certain that the alcohol ban was the main reason for the relative lack of trouble in Lens," said Isabelle Isaert, spokeswoman for the prefecture. "There were no really serious incidents, fewer arrests for violence and drunkenness than the Germany match."

More important things than drinking were on the mind of the hundreds of fans who turned up at the stadium in St Etienne to collect match tickets. The Football Association has been allocated 2,079 — it appealed against its original allocation of 2,049 and received 30 extra — 2,000 of which have been allocated through a voucher system organised before the tournament began.

Fans with vouchers have to claim their tickets from the FA in St Etienne. Though the FA spent Sunday negotiating for more tickets there is little likelihood the allocation will be increased. "There is no chance of getting any more now," an FA spokesman said.

First in the queue was Barry Tracy, aged 40, from Herne Bay, Kent, who collected his £22 ticket at 2pm when the office opened. "I followed England in Italy and in Germany in 1988," Mr Tracy said. "It was a great feeling to have the ticket in my hand, especially when you think that 20,000 people want one of these."

Those without face a difficult time getting in to the game. Black market tickets were changing hands for £700. With 2,000 members club tickets and official estimates of 4,000 fans on travel packages, there could be up to 15,000 England fans looking for tickets. They will be joined by 5,000 Argentine fans who are expected to arrive without tickets today.

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Clinton's retinue licks its lips over triumphs in China

John Gittings in Beijing

THE United States scored another triumph in Beijing yesterday, just 24 hours after Bill Clinton's successful summit with President Jiang Zemin.

Across town near the Workers' Stadium, the American secretary of commerce, William Daley, was welcomed by tiny dancing girls on a hot pavement: he was there to open the 10,000th Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in the world — and the 260th in China.

"What stands behind this restaurant", said Mr Daley, "is a new dawning of relations between the US and China". In the euphoria which the summit has generated among President Clinton's retinue, it did not seem an absurd connection to make.

White House officials hail Beijing's unexpected decision to show the post-summit press conference live on national television on Saturday night as a complete vindication of the Clinton administration's policy of "constructive engagement".

In their one other significant concession at the summit, the Chinese agreed to "detarget" nuclear weapons aimed at America; Washington is to reciprocate.

The US is not just bringing fast food and technology to China, officials argued: it is carrying "a very strong message to the people" about democracy and personal freedom.

During the televised press conference Mr Clinton was able to speak on the subject of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in terms never heard before publicly in China. "I believe, and the American people believe", he said in a simple and effective statement, "that the use of force and the tragic loss of life was wrong". Mr Clinton also urged China to open talks with Tibet's exiled Dalai Lama.

Mr Jiang said that if China had not taken "resolute measures" in 1989, the country would have fallen into chaos. He insisted that talks with the Dalai Lama must be based on his acceptance that Tibet was part of China.

He also brushed aside the police harassment of Chinese dissidents in Xian — the city where Mr Clinton began his China visit last week — saying that those detained might have harmed national security.

US officials were enchanted by Mr Jiang's willingness to prolong the dialogue with Mr Clinton, even though he gave no ground.

The images seen of personal contact between the two presidents do suggest a real rapport, with a shared commitment to put US-China relations on a new partnership basis. In striking hyperbole, Mr Clinton on Saturday talked of a friendship that would "last forever", while Mr Jiang said that "no force can hold it back."

The live transmission of the leaders' statements and press conference will have reached a limited audience, since no one knew it was going to happen. But it is an important symbolic step.

The official press failed to carry the text yesterday. Only the English-language China Daily went as far as referring to what Mr Jiang — not Mr Clinton — said about the Beijing massacre. The Chinese-language People's Daily merely said that the two men discussed "other matters".

Word of mouth and perhaps video tapes will ensure that the broadcast — which was welcomed by leading critics of the government — has a greater long-term effect. Mr Jiang does appear to be supporting efforts by Beijing intellectuals to call for more "liberation of thought".

Yet the US-China relationship remains potentially very touchy. Mr Clinton believes that the US can bring China over "on the right side of history" by engaging in constructive dialogue as well as beneficial trade, but many Chinese are quick to bridle if they think they are being lectured to.

This is true even in small matters. During the presidential visit, there have been touchy reactions by Chinese security personnel to requests for co-operation by their US counterparts.

Visiting the Chongwenmen Protestant Church yesterday in Beijing before setting off to tour the Great Wall, Mr Clinton was careful not to chance his luck, avoiding reference to China's suppression of "unofficial" churches.

At the KFC restaurant, there were no mixed feelings about US fast-food culture. The staff work irregular shifts for six renminbi an hour (44p) which will buy only a couple of spicy chicken wings, but are happy to have a job.

Mr Daley said he was disappointed at the lack of progress in the negotiations for China's admission to the World Trade Organisation. Then he looked around at the restaurant which quickly filled with locals prepared to pay more than for Chinese fast food down the road: "It's good", he said, "to see US business so successful".



Declaring the Great Wall 'magnificent', the Clinton family walked stretch yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: GREG GIBSON

Doctor plans challenge to surgeons' 'closed shop'

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cause they have not done all their training in the UK.

Dr Kaul's appeal is against the Specialist Training Authority, which operates on behalf of all the Royal Colleges. It is likely to be heard in the autumn by a retired circuit judge and two consultants. There is great deal of interest in it and some uncertainty as to the procedure because of the novelty of the case.

"Historically there has always been a reluctance to take on the Royal Colleges," said Mr Mays. "They are that hand that is going to feed them in later life."

The argument against Dr Kaul is that his training in the US was shorter than that in the UK (four years, as against six) and that the training is not equivalent in content.

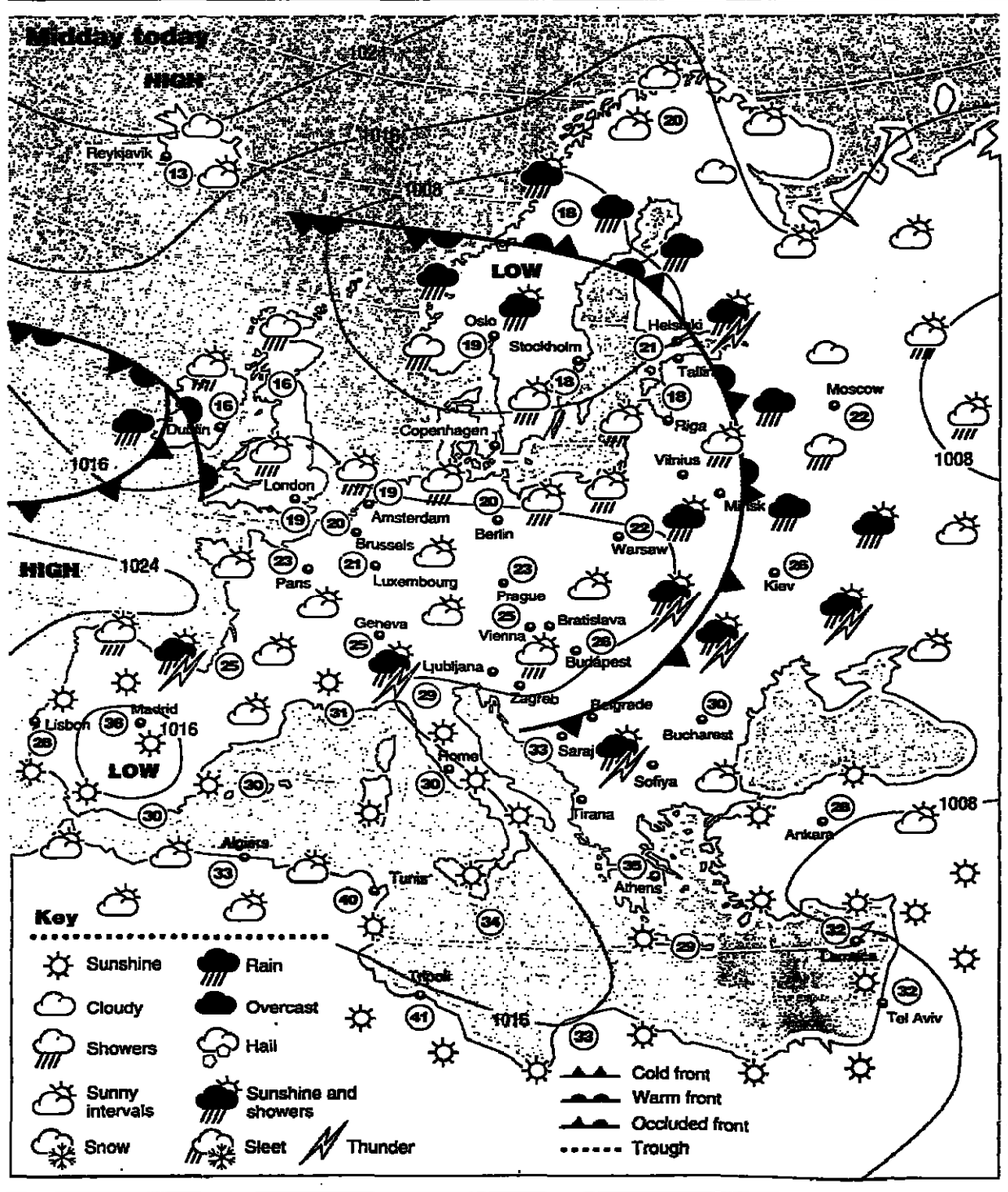
His lawyers will argue that American consultants' training is much more intensive and that the same things are covered. They want to know how the authority came to its evaluation. "What objective test did they use to assess the quality of his training?" asked Mr Mays.

Even if Dr Kaul loses his case, he says, there will be an impact on the system, because his lawyers will ask for a judicial review, which must expose the basis on which decisions are made.

Lesley Hawksworth, chief executive of the authority, said: "The requirements for entry to the specialists register are set down in legislation. It is for an individual to satisfy the STA that the sum of their qualifications meet the same training standards."

She could not comment further because of the impending appeal.

The weather in Europe



European outlook

Scandinavia:
A cloudy and unsettled day with showers in most areas, and also some more persistent rain in the south, slowly moving northwards. Some of that rain will be heavy but northern areas will keep sunny spells in between the showers, and Denmark will brighten up later. Highs generally 17-20C.

Low Countries, Germany, Austria, Switzerland:
Spells of sunshine with some long dry spells but there will be a few showers scattered around. Around the Alps they may give isolated heavy downpours later, with a thunderstorm possible. Highs from 19C in northern Germany to 26C in the Swiss valleys.

France:
Dry in most areas with sunny spells but the odd shower will threaten the north and east, and towards the Alps a thunderstorm is possible later. The best of the sunshine will be on the Riviera, with highs of 31C; Brittany will be much cooler at about 18C.

Spain and Portugal:
Clouds will build over northern Spain, bringing isolated showers, with the threat of a heavy or thundery downpour over the mountains. In most areas, however, there will be plenty of hot sunshine. Highs from 21C in the north-west to 30C on the Costa Blanca and 37C Cordoba.

Italy:
Apart from thundery showers over the Alps it will be dry with plenty of hot sunshine. Highs between 33 and 36C but cooler around the coast due to an afternoon sea-breeze.

Greece:
Dry with plenty of hot sunshine, and temperatures rising to 35 or 36C inland. The coasts and islands will have a sea-breeze to keep temperatures at a more bearable 28-31C..

Around the world

Yesterday's lunchtime reports

Ajaccio	S	28	79	London	C	20	68
Algiers	S	29	84	Los Angeles	F	22	72
Alicante	S	28	82	Luxembourg	F	18	64
Amsterdam	F	18	64	Madrid	S	33	91
Athens	S	31	88	Majorca	S	29	84
Auckland	F	14	57	Malaga	S	25	77
B Aires	M	14	57	Malta	S	32	90
Bahrain	S	41	106	Melbourne	F	9	48
Bangkok	C	31	88	Mexico City	C	24	75
Barcelona	S	28	79	Miami	F	31	88
Beijing	C	32	90	Milan	F	30	86
Belgrade	S	32	90	Montreal	F	24	75
Berlin	F	20	68	Moscow	C	15	59
Bermuda	Sh	27	81	Munich	Sh	19	66
Biarritz	F	20	68	Nairobi	C	20	68
Bombay	R	25	77	Naples	S	31	88
Bordeaux	F	23	73	New Delhi	C	35	95
Boston	R	18	64	New Orleans	R	28	82
Brussels	Sh	17	63	New York	C	29	84
Budapest	F	29	84	Nice	S	26	79
Cairo	S	30	86	Oporto	S	22	72
Calcutta	R	31	88	Oslo	R	15	59
Cape Town	F	17	63	Paris	F	18	66
Casablanca	S	23	73	Perth	S	14	57
Chicago	C	32	90	Prague	F	22	72
Copenhagen	F	19	66	Reykjavik	C	12	54
Corfu	S	29	84	Rhodes	S	29	84
Dallas	S	35	95	Rio de Jan.	F	22	72
Dhaka	C	32	90	Rome	S	30	86
Dublin	Sh	15	59	Sarajevo	F	31	88
Faro	S	24	75	Singapore	C	33	91
Florence	S	30	86	Stockholm	C	19	66
Frankfurt	F	20	68	Strasbourg	F	22	72
Funchal	F	22	72	Sydney	S	18	64
Geneva	F	24	75	Tel Aviv	S	31	88
Gibraltar	S	27	81	Tenerife	C	25	77
Helsinki	S	23	73	Tokyo	C	30	86
Hong Kong	F	31	88	Toronto	C	25	77
Innsbruck	F	21	70	Tunis	S	40	104
Istanbul	S	28	82	Vancouver	C	17	63
Jo'burg	S	17	63	Venice	S	29	84
K Lumpur	C	33	91	Vienna	Sh	24	75
Kingston	S	34	93	Warsaw	C	23	73
Larnaca	S	29	84	Washington	C	29	84
Lima	F	21	70	Wellington	C	11	52
Lisbon	S	26	79	Zurich	C	18	64

Forecast for the cities

Today	max	min		Tomorrow	max	min		Wednesday	max	min		Thursday	max	min	
Algiers	33	21	S	Algiers	33	21	F	Algiers	30	19	F	Algiers	27	18	S
Amsterdam	18	11	F	Amsterdam	18	11	Sh	Amsterdam	17	10	Sh	Amsterdam	17	10	Sh
Athens	35	25	S	Athens	35	25	F	Athens	34	25	S	Athens	35	27	S
Berlin	20	12	Sh	Berlin	20	13	Sh	Berlin	19	12	Th	Berlin	19	12	Sh
Bonn	21	12	Sh	Bonn	20	12	Th	Bonn	19	10	Sh	Bonn	19	11	Sh
Brussels	20	12	F	Brussels	19	11	Sh	Brussels	18	11	Sh	Brussels	18	12	Sh
Copenhagen	18	10	Sh	Copenhagen	16	11	Sh	Copenhagen	18	11	Sh	Copenhagen	18	11	Sh
Crete	29	23	S	Crete	30	24	S	Crete	32	24	S	Crete	34	27	S
Geneva	26	15	S	Geneva	26	15	F	Geneva	22	13	Sh	Geneva	21	12	F
Larnaca	32	22	S	Larnaca	32	22	S	Larnaca	33	22	S	Larnaca	32	23	S
London	21	12	Sh	London	20	12	Sh	London	21	12	C	London	22	12	C
Madrid	36	19	S	Madrid	33	17	F	Madrid	31	16	C	Madrid	28	14	F
Milan	32	20	S	Milan	30	19	F	Milan	28	18	Sh	Milan	27	18	Sh
Nice	28	20	S	Nice	27	20	F	Nice	27	19	F	Nice	28	18	F
Oslo	19	13	Sh	Oslo	20	12	Sh	Oslo	21	13	Sh	Oslo	23	14	Sh
Paris	23	14	F	Paris	21	13	R	Paris	22	13	Sh	Paris	21	13	Sh
Rome	30	19	S	Rome	29	19	S	Rome	28	18	F	Rome	28	18	F
Stockholm	18	10	Sh	Stockholm	19	11	Sh	Stockholm	19	11	Sh	Stockholm	23	11	F
Tunis	40	25	S	Tunis	40	24	S	Tunis	35	24	F	Tunis	32	24	S
Vienna	25	15	F	Vienna	24	16	Th	Vienna	23	15	Th	Vienna	23	14	Sh

C, cloudy; Dr, drizzle; F, fair; Fg, fog; H, hail; R, rain; Sl, sleet; Sn, snow; S, sunny; Th, thunder. " (previous day's readings)

Television and radio

BBC 1

7.00am Business Breakfast. 8.00 BBC Breakfast News. 10.00 All Over the Shop. 10.30 Kilroy. 11.00 The General. 11.30 *Beautiful Things.* 11.40 *News; Regional News.* 11.50 International Cricket: Second Test. 2.00 One O'Clock News. 2.30 Regional News. 2.40 The Weather Show. 2.45 Wimbledon 98. 5.15 World Cup 98 Live. 7.30 News. 8.00 Regional News Magazine. 8.30 FILM: Cagney and Lacey Together Again. 10.00 Nine O'Clock News. 10.30 The Mrs Merton Show. 11.00 Men Behaving Badly. 11.30 Harry Enfield and Chums. 12.00 World Cup 98 - Match of the Day. 1.00 FILM: Confessions: Two Faces of Evil. 2.30 Weather. 2.35 BBC News 24.

BBC 2

7.10am Just Like a Girl. 8.00 Children's BBC: Teletubbies. 8.25 Goober and the Ghost Chasers. 8.50 Blue Peter. 9.15 Yogi's Space Race. 9.35 Teddy Trucks. 9.45 Harry and the Hendersons. 10.10 A Passion for Angling. 11.00 Children's BBC: Teletubbies. 11.30 Wear It Well. 11.45 FILM: Neil Gwyn. 1.00 Wimbledon 98. 2.35 International Cricket: Second Test. 4.50 News; Regional News. 4.55 Wimbledon 98 and Cricket. 9.30 The Travel Show. 10.00 The Simpsons. 10.25 Today at Wimbledon. 11.25 Video *Nation Caribbean Shorts.* 11.30 Newsnight. 12.25 International Cricket: Second Test. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The Midnight Hour. 1.30 Learning Zone.

BBC Prime

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7.00am World News. 7.25 World Weather. 7.30 Mr Wymi. 7.45 Blue Peter. 8.10 The Prince and the Pauper. 8.45 Style Challenge. 9.15 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. 9.40 Kilroy. 10.30 The Contenders. 11.00 Vanity Fair. 12.00 Change That. 12.20 Style Challenge. 12.45 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. 1.10 Kilroy. 1.55 Songs of Praise. 2.30 The Contenders. 3.00 Vanity Fair. 4.00 Weather. 4.05 Change That. 4.25 Mr Wymi. 4.40 Blue Peter. 5.00 The Prince and the Pauper. 5.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. 6.00 World News. 6.25 World Weather. 6.30 Wildlife. 7.00 The Contenders. 7.30 Rhodes Around Britain. 8.00 Porridge. 8.30 Birds of a Feather. 9.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates. 10.00 World News. 10.25 World Weather. 10.30 In Search of the Trojan War. 11.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Nairn. 12.00 Love Hurts. 12.50 World Weather. 1.00 Cragside House: From Lodge to Palace.

BBC World

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7.00am World News. 7.30 Earth Report. 8.00 World News. 8.30 Hard Talk. 9.00 World News. 9.30 Future Fantastic. 10.00 World News. 10.30 Correspondent. 11.00 World News. 11.30 Hard Talk. 12.00 World News. 12.30 Jeremy Clarkson's Extreme Machines. 1.00 The World Today. 2.30 Correspondent. 3.00 World News. 3.15 World Business Report. 3.30 The World Today. 4.30 Film '98 with Barry Norman. 5.00 World News. 5.30 Hard Talk. 6.00 World News. 6.30 Earth Report. 7.00 The World Today. 8.30 Hard Talk. 9.00 World News. 9.30 Window on Europe. 10.00 World News. 10.10 World Business Report. 10.30 Holiday - Fasten Your Seatbelt. 11.00 World News. 11.10 Europe Direct. 12.00 World News. 12.30 World Business Report. 12.45 Asia Today. 1.00 World Headlines. 1.05 USA Direct. 1.30 Correspondent. 2.00 News. 2.30 Earth Report. 3.00 News. 3.30 Asia Today. 3.40 World Business Report. 4.00 News. 4.30 USA Direct. 5.00 News. 5.30 Asia Today. 5.40 World Business Report. 6.00 News. 6.30 Window on Europe.

Radio 4

92.4-94.6 MHz; 198 kHz (1514)

7.00am Today. 10.00 Start the Week. 10.45 (FM) Serial: Intimate Death. 10.45 (LW) Daily Service. 11.00 News; Woman's Hour. 12.00 (LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa. 12.00 (FM) News; Impostors. 12.30 (FM) Ballylenon. 1.00 (FM) News; You and Yours. 1.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast. 1.04 (LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa. 1.57 Weather. 2.00 The World at One. 2.30 (FM) Mastermind. 2.30 (LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa. 3.00 (FM) News; The Archers. 3.15 (FM) News; Afternoon Play: The Strange Petitioner. 4.00 (FM) Money Box Live: (0171 580 4444. 4.30 (FM) Matchmakers. 4.45 (FM) A Recollection. 5.00 (FM) News; The Food Programme. 5.30 (FM) Four Corners. 6.00 PM. 6.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast. 6.57 (LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa. 6.57 Weather. 7.00 (FM) Six O'Clock News. 7.30 Just a Minute. 8.00 News; The Archers. 8.15 Front Row. 8.45 Under One Roof: *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden.* 9.00 News; Hugging Demons. 9.30 Analysis. 10.00 News; Wildlife at War. 10.30 Start the Week. 11.00 The World Tonight. 11.45 Book at Bedtime: Scarlet and Black. 12.00 Radio 4 Appeal. 12.02 Late Night on 4: Our Man at Wembley. 12.30 (LW) Today in Parliament. 12.30 (FM) A Night With. 1.00 News. 1.30 The Late Book: Intimacy. 1.48 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 As World Service. 5.20 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 Farming Today.

BBC World Service

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6.00am News. 6.15 World Cup Round-Up. 6.30 Omnibus. 9.00 News. 9.15 Off the Shelf. 9.30 The Vintage Chart Show. 10.00 News; (648 only) News in German. 10.10 Pause for Thought. 10.15 Newstalk. 11.00 News. 11.05 World Business Report. 11.15 Sportsweek News. 11.30 Westway Access. 11.45 Sports Round-Up. 12.00 Newsdesk. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 Newsdesk. 1.30 Jazzmatazz. 2.00 News; (648 only) News in German. 2.05 World Business Report. 2.15 Britain Today. 2.30 Sports Round-Up Extra. 3.00 Newshour. 4.00 News. 4.05 Outlook. 4.30 Welcome to my World. 4.45 The Lab. 5.00 World News. 5.05 Sports Roundup. 5.15 Westway Access. 5.30 Hot New Country; (648 only) News in German. 6.00 Europe Today. 6.30 World Business Report. 6.45 Britain Today. 7.00 News. 7.15 Insight. 7.30 Seven Days; (648 only) News in German. 7.45 Sports Round-Up. 8.00 Newsdesk. 8.30 Just a Minute. 9.00 News. 9.01 Outlook. 9.25 Pause for Thought. 9.30 Multitrack Hit List. 10.00 Newshour. 11.00 News. 11.05 World Business Report. 11.15 Britain Today. 11.30 The World Lectures. 12.00 Newsdesk. 12.30 Insight. 12.45 Sports Round-Up. 1.00 News. 1.05 Outlook. 1.30 Multitrack Hit List. 2.00 Newsdesk. 2.30 Westway. 2.45 Britain Today. 3.00 Newsdesk. 3.30 Seven Days. 3.45 You and the Law. 4.00 Newsday. 4.30 On Screen. 5.00 News. 5.05 World Business Report. 5.15 Sports Round-Up. 5.30 The World Today. 6.00 The World Today.

Sky Movies Screen 1

● Astra

7.00 Forgotten City of Planet of the Apes. 8.40 Tap. 10.40 The Big Green. 12.20 Race the Sun. 2.00 Forgotten City of Planet of the Apes. 4.00 A Holiday to Remember. 6.00 The Big Green. 7.50 Race the Sun. 9.30 The Movie Show. 10.00 The Island of Dr Moreau. 11.45 Smoke. 1.20 Hellraiser: Bloodline. 3.10 Angels and Insects. 5.05 Within the Rock.

Sky Movies Screen 2

● Astra

7.00 The Big Broadcast of 1936. 8.00 Cattle Queen of Montana. 11.00 Ten Tall Men. 1.00 The Rockford Files: Friends and Foul Play. 3.00 Cattle Queen of Montana. 5.00 Ten Tall Men. 7.00 The Rockford Files: Friends and Foul Play. 8.30 Special Feature: Mimic. 9.00 Deadlocked: Escape from Zone 14. 11.00 The Rock. 1.15 Escape to Nowhere. 2.50 The Avenging Angel. 4.30 Slaves of New York.

Sky Movies Gold

● Astra

8.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. 6.35 The Guns of Navarone. 9.10 Almost an Angel. 11.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. 12.35 MASH. 2.30 The Killers. 4.05 Shall We Dance? 5.50 Close.

Sky Sports

● Astra

8.00 Motorcycling: Superbikes Championship - San Marino. 10.00 Racing News. 10.30 Aerobacs Oz Style. 11.00 Rugby League: Huddersfield v Hull. 1.00 Aerobics Oz Style. 1.30 Motorcycling: Superbikes Championship - San Marino. 2.30 Rugby League: Huddersfield v Hull. 3.30 High 5. 6.00 Bowling: World Masters. 7.00 Sports Centre. 7.30 Survival of the Fittest. 8.00 Rugby Union: USA v Hong Kong. 9.00 Cricket: England v South Africa. 11.00 Football: World Cup Phone-in - Live. 11.45 Sports Centre. 12.00 Bowling: World Masters. 1.00 Sports Centre. 1.15 Survival of the Fittest. 1.45 High 5. 2.15 Rugby Union: USA v Hong Kong. 3.15 This Week in Baseball. 3.45 Football: World Cup Phone-in. 4.30 Sports Centre. 4.45 Close.

Sky Sports 3

● Astra

1.00 Bowling: World Masters. 2.00 This Week in Baseball. 2.30 Australian Rules Football. 4.30 World Motor Sport. 7.30 The Winning Post: Windsor and Yarmouth - Live. 9.30 Bowls: Australia v Wales. 11.30 Sports Classics. 12.30 Close.

Eurosport

● Astra/Eutelsat

7.00 Football. 3.15 Cycling: Tour of Switzerland - Live. 5.00 Football: Colombia v Tunisia - Live. 7.30 Football: World Cup - Le Match. 9.00 Strongman. 10.00 Boxing: WBC International Lightweight. 11.00 Football: Colombia v Tunisia. 1.00 Football. 1.30 Close.

Sky 1

● Astra

8.00 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills. 8.30 Games World. 8.45 The Simpsons. 9.15 The Oprah Winfrey Show. 10.00 Hotel. 11.00 Another World. 12.00 Days of Our Lives. 1.00 Married...With Children. 1.30 M*A*S*H. 1.55 The Special K Collection. 2.00 Geraldo. 2.55 The Special K Collection. 3.00 Sally Jessy Raphael. 3.55 The Special K Collection. 4.00 Jenny Jones. 4.55 The Special K Collection. 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. 6.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 Married...With Children. 8.00 The Simpsons. 8.30 The Simpsons. 9.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 10.00 Sliders. 11.00 Friends. 11.30 Friends. 12.00 Star Trek: Voyager. 1.00 Reds in Europe. 1.30 The World at Their Feet. 2.00 Long Play.

National Geographic

● Astra

8.00 Great Bird, Big Business. 8.30 Cormorant Accused. 9.00 Wild Willy. 9.30 U-Boats. 10.00 Wild Horses of Namib. 10.30 Wolverines and Oil. 11.00 Throttleman. 11.30 Everest. 12.00 The Black Robin. 1.00 Cathedrals in the Sea. 2.00 Close.

UK Gold

● Astra

8.00 Crossroads. 8.30 Neighbours. 8.55 EastEnders. 9.30 The Bill. 10.00 The Bill. 10.30 Juliet Bravo. 11.30 The Sullivans. 12.00 Dallas. 12.55 Neighbours. 1.25 EastEnders. 2.00 All Creatures Great and Small. 3.00 Dallas. 3.55 The Bill. 4.25 The Bill. 4.55 Juliet Bravo. 5.55 EastEnders. 6.30 Wowsiogroovy. 7.00 All Creatures Great and Small. 8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. 8.40 Waiting for God. 9.30 Butterflies. 10.00 Casualty. 11.05 Taggart. 12.20 Sporting Anorak of the Year. 12.45 The Bill. 1.25 The Bill. 1.45 *Spitting Image.* 2.15 Best of the Old Grey Whistle Test. 2.45 The Equalizer. 3.35 Shopping at Night.

NBC Superchannel

● Astra/Eutelsat

8.00 European Money Wheel. 12.00 Intermight. 1.00 Time and Again. 2.00 European Living: Flavours of Italy. 2.30 VIP. 3.00 The Today Show. 4.00 Gardening by the Yard. 4.30 Interiors by Design. 5.00 Time and Again. 6.00 European Living: Europe a la Carte. 6.30 VIP. 7.00 Europe Tonight. 7.30 The Ticket. 8.00 National Geographic Television. 9.00 Major League Baseball. 10.00 The Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. 11.00 Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien. 12.00 The Ticket. 12.30 VIP. 1.00 The Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. 2.00 Intermight. 3.00 VIP. 3.30 Travel Xpress. 4.00 The Ticket. 4.30 Flavours of Italy. 5.00 News. 6.00 Europe Today. 6.00 Europe Today.

Discovery

● Astra/Eutelsat

6.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures 6.30 Zoo Story. 6.00 First Flights. 6.30 History's Turning Points. 7.00 Animal Doctor. 7.30 Wild Dogs: Wild Discovery. 8.30 Disaster. 9.00 History's Turning Points. 9.30 Beth Tucker Man. 10.00 Lonely Planet. 11.00 Supertwins: Conception to Birth. 12.00 Wings: Guardians of the Night. 1.00 First Flights. 1.30 Disaster. 2.00 Extreme Machines. 3.00 Close.

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Victor Makarov: 'I was promised a pension and they broke their promises' PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

He was a KGB officer who helped the West. He served time in a Soviet labour camp. In Britain, he is a lonely man in a seaside bedsit – and he wants help

Report by Richard Norton-Taylor



The Perm-35 labour camp, far east of Moscow, in which Makarov was held for six years

Spy who came in to a cold shoulder

A KGB defector is planning to start a hunger strike tomorrow outside the Houses of Parliament.

He is not making a belated attempt to draw attention to the ugly practices of his former employer. He is not even demonstrating against conditions in Russian prison camps, of which he has first-hand experience. He is protesting against his treatment by MI5.

More than 10 years after providing the West with secrets, and six years after being freed from a labour camp 2,000 kilometres east of Moscow, Victor Makarov is living in a bedsit in Bournemouth. He gets £25 a week benefit money.

"I have no pension at all," he says. "I was promised a pension and then they broke their promises". After MI6 escorted him out of Russia, via Latvia, Estonia, and Finland, he arrived in Britain early in 1992 and became the responsibility of MI5. He says he was assured he would be given the means to "live not like a lord but like an average citizen".

It might have been easier, he muses, if he had been a mechanic, or even an opera singer. But he was a cryptanalyst specialising in modern Greek, not a marketable skill.

He was billeted in an MI5-approved house in Barnes, west London, and was later moved to Cornwall.

Feeling neglected, he "escaped", as he puts it, to Norwich, to live with a Russian emigré whom he had met at the Russian Orthodox church in London.

He began to suffer from serious depression. He spent short periods in psychiatric hospitals.

Makarov, who is 43, joined the KGB in 1975, after studying at the agency's special school. He was assigned to the KGB's 16th Directorate, whose task was to break the codes of foreign embassies. He discovered that his KGB colleagues were reading coded messages about Nato and the EU sent by the German, Italian and Canadian governments to their Moscow embassies.

He was becoming disillusioned with serving what he called "a criminal regime". He found out that his grandfather, a village priest, had been shot during Stalin's purges. In 1985, he asked his fiancée, an interpreter, to approach a British businessman who was in Moscow attending a trade fair.

His fiancée told the businessman that KGB was reading many of the West's secret communications and could provide evidence. According to Makarov, the businessman gave the impression that he did not believe her.

Makarov and his fiancée then approached an Australian businessman, who alerted his government, which subsequently convinced MI6 that their offer was genuine. Makarov passed on more secrets to MI6, including how the KGB was reading British encyphered telegrams.

He says MI6 promised, in return, to "extricate" him from the Soviet Union. But in 1987 he was arrested after he was betrayed by a friend. He was sentenced to 10 years in the notorious Perm-35 labour camp. Conditions under Gorbachev were better than they had been, but still extremely harsh. "We were given work specially designed to damage us nervously", says Makarov in his broken English. In the winter, it was freezing.

Gorbachev's glasnost allowed a French television crew to film conditions in the camp. Makarov, pictured with an assortment of CIA informants, Islamic fundamentalists, and fraudsters, was among the first to talk to the western journalists. "When there is no dignity", he told them, "there is no strength".

In early 1992 Makarov was released in an amnesty ordered by Boris Yeltsin.

In Britain, he was given a resettlement lump sum of £12,000. By 1995, he had run out of money. He was given a further sum of £5,000. MI5 gave him some bedding and cooking equipment, a bike, and money for a computer course — but still no regular pension.

He took his case to the parliamentary Intelligence and Security Commitee, which suggested the Security Service and Intelligence Service Tribunals. The tribunals rejected his complaints.

Makarov spends his time doing voluntary work, and working in Bournemouth council's nursery tending flowers. He has not seen his fiancée since he was arrested but believes MI6 knows where she is. "Nobody is close to him, to care for him" said fellow defector, Oleg Gordievsky, yesterday. "He can't find his peace. No one knows what to do about it."

Small change of espionage



Victor Makarov as a KGB lieutenant

PAYMENTS for defectors and double agents are regulated by a special Cabinet Office committee which also monitors money spent on former MI5 informants in terrorist groups, *writes Richard Norton-Taylor*.

MI5 and MI6 handlers enjoy a degree of discretion when paying spies or informers. There is even a special heading for "money" in their pro forma Contact Notes, in which they are required scrupulously to record their payments, if only for protection against possible legal action.

Pensions are determined mainly by the official rank or grade of the spy in his former service.

Although the dozens of defectors and double agents who end up in this country are normally also given lump sums — in order to buy a house, for example — pensions are fixed at a surprisingly low level.

Mikhail Butkov, a KGB major who helped MI6 to disrupt Iran's nuclear procurement programme, was given about £100,000 when he defected to Britain in 1991, but his yearly pension was set at about £14,000.

Oleg Gordievsky, a KGB colonel when he defected to Britain in 1985 after risking his life spying for MI6 over a decade, receives a pension of less than £20,000 a year. Victor Makarov was a only a lieutenant. But his lawyer, Wesley Gryk, says he needs an annual pension of at least £18,000. MI5 has set up a special "resettlement" unit to handle defectors and ex-informers.

But bureaucratic rules on pensions do not take into account what is sometimes called "defector's syndrome" — withdrawal symptoms compounded by a deep sense of being unappreciated.

Butkov, believed to be something of a playboy, was sentenced earlier this year to three years in jail for defrauding Russian businessmen by persuading them to join a non-existent management course in the US.

Brown set to act on fat cat bonuses

Pressure on shareholders to keep boardroom pay under control

Lisa Buckingham
City Editor

BIG investors may be forced to disclose how they vote on executive pay and bonuses in an attempt by the Government to limit the embarrassment caused by big boardroom pay rises in the privatised utility companies.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is thought to be ready to hold institutional shareholders responsible for keeping boardroom greed in check following the disclosure that directors of Yorkshire Water collected bonuses of 30 per cent of their basic pay.

The large increases — worth £55,000 to chief executive Kevin Bond — were awarded even though Yorkshire Water attracted a record number of complaints last year.

Boardroom bonuses could, however, be even bigger this year. Under the company's recently installed incentive scheme, directors can earn a bonus of 40 per cent of their basic salary. They are also entitled to share options, company cars and pension contributions.

But Yorkshire Water, which faces a ballot for industrial action, is unlikely to be the only one of the former government-owned utility companies to attract criticism for the level of boardroom remuneration.

Despite recent controversy over executive salaries, the bonus schemes installed by the utilities are linked to corporate performance targets and many large payments will be triggered by the latest financial results.

The pay and bonus figures appear in annual reports now being published for those organisations whose financial year ended in March.

They will be the first real test for the Government, which has been trying to cultivate its relations with big business and has restricted its condemnation of large pay awards, urging executives only to set an example to the workforce.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, has ordered an investigation of company legislation, allowing her to duck some of the thorny issues surrounding shareholder activism and the role of pension and insurance fund managers in controlling Britain's boardrooms.

Yorkshire Water directors given increases despite complaints record

The privatised companies have a unique ability to embarrass government: it was a 70 per cent pay rise for the former British Gas chief, Cedric Brown, which prompted the previous government to establish the Greenbury Committee to draw up a code of conduct to cover executive remuneration.

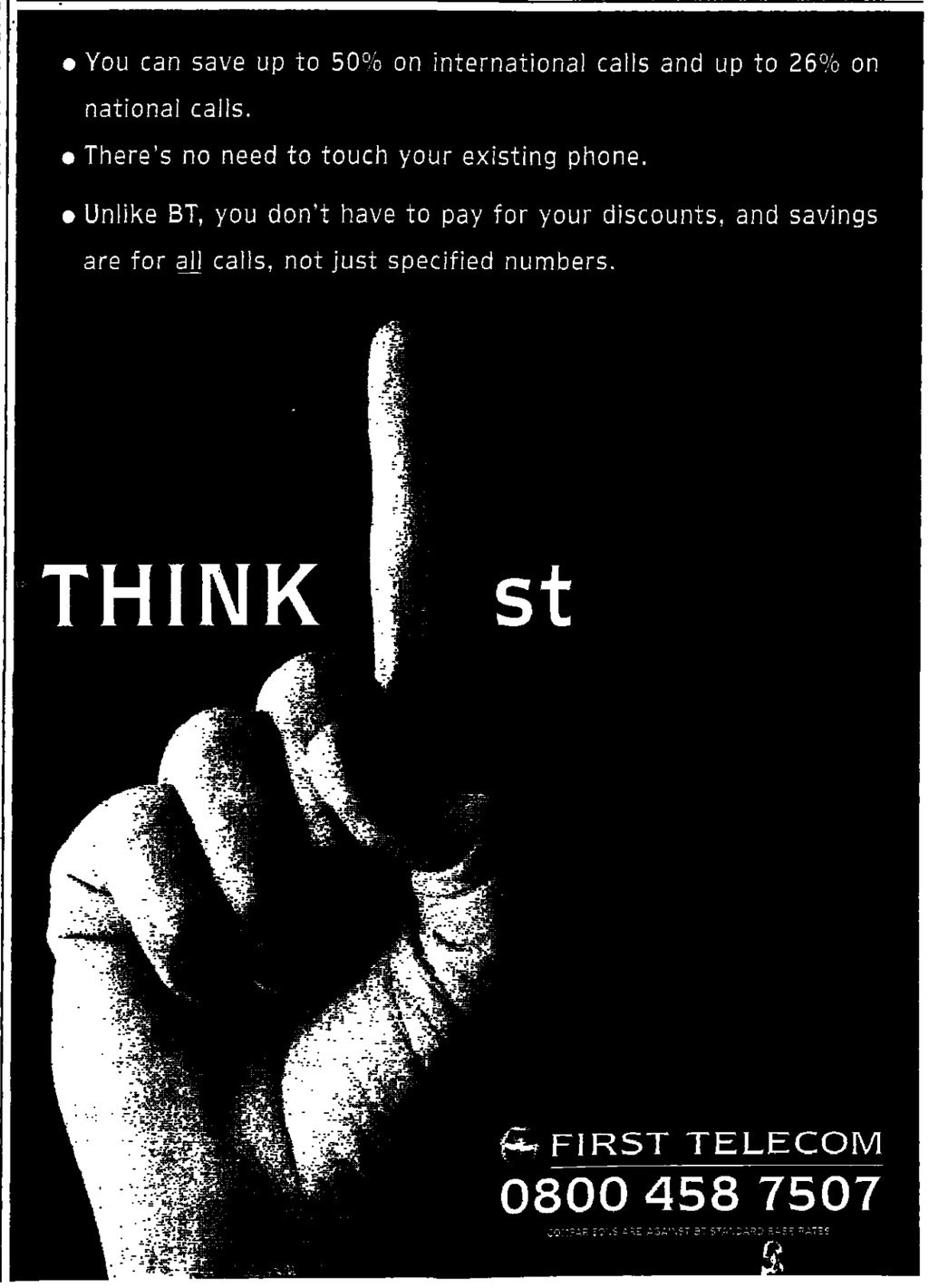
But already this year there have been some huge pay rises across the whole range of big business — Jan Leschly of SmithKline Beecham earned £2.4 million while the bosses of BP, Asda, Rank and Alliance & Leicester were all given pay rises of more than a fifth. This comes at a time when the general workforce is being criticised for pushing up earnings increases beyond 5 per cent.

The controversy over the annual executive pay round was supposed to diminish when companies began following the recommendations of the Greenbury Code. But many organisations simply used the code as an excuse to install an additional layer of incentive payments.

This, coupled with large performance-related pay awards triggered by healthy profits from industry, has helped create a boardroom pay explosion.

"This is a deadlock that has to be broken now. The pro-Europeans must learn to speak in vigorous, coarse slogans. Blair must come out of his tent."
Polly Toynbee awaits the order to attack

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Diane Blood flanked by her parents, right, and her in-laws. She conceived after winning the right to take sperm to Belgium PHOTOGRAPH: DOUG MARKE

Pregnant widow 'overjoyed'

Diane Blood praying for healthy baby from late husband's sperm

Clare Dyer
Legal Correspondent

DIANE Blood described her joy yesterday as she announced she was pregnant with her late husband's baby more than three years after his death.

Mrs Blood, aged 32, whose story was disclosed by the Guardian, fought a long battle against the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for the right to be artificially inseminated with sperm taken from her husband, Stephen, as he lay dying.

Mrs Blood, who runs a public relations business, refused to reveal when the baby was due but said she was as happy as anyone would be at the news, though she had hoped to keep it to herself for longer. Details of her condition had leaked out through a medical conference in Sweden.

"We do not think it was anyone being malicious; it was just a comment by someone who did not know the effect of what they were saying," she said near her home in Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

Accompanied by her parents and Stephen's parents, she said: "Obviously I am absolutely over the moon. I found out quite slowly that I was pregnant. It is not an immediate test, in the way somebody might know if they were pregnant naturally. There were lots of hugs and kisses all round."

The baby was conceived through fertility treatment at the Free University's Centre for Reproductive Medicine in Brussels. Doctors took nine months to decide whether to accept her for treatment after the Court of Appeal gave the go-ahead in February last year for her to take the sperm abroad for treatment.

The HFEA had refused to let her be treated in Britain because the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act outlaws use of a man's sperm for artificial insemination without his written consent. Stephen Blood had gone into a coma after contracting bacterial meningitis, but Mrs Blood persuaded doctors to take semen samples from him as he lay barely alive on a life support system.

She mortgaged her house to fight the legal battle with the help of funds raised by a public campaign. She lost in the High Court but won in the Appeal Court, where the judges ruled she could take the sperm to Belgium under a law allowing residents of one EU country the right of access to services, including medical treatment, in another.

The baby will be unique. Doctors in a future case will not be able to remove sperm, because the court case clarified the law and established that removal without consent is illegal.

Mrs Blood said yesterday that her battle had been "an experience" which she would rather not have had but which had its positive side.

She was still nervous because her pregnancy was in an early stage. She was "keeping everything crossed", she said. "We were trying to start a family before my husband died, and however I found out I was pregnant it was going to be a great feeling. I am praying that it goes well and that next year I will give birth to a healthy baby."

She said her husband would have been pleased at the outcome of her battle. She didn't mind whether the child was a boy or a girl. They had decided on a girl's name — which she was not prepared to disclose — but she had not yet chosen a boy's name.

Stephen Blood's mother, Gill, who lives nearby in Worksop with her husband, Brian, said: "This is what we have been waiting for. This cannot replace Stephen, but it is a part of him."

Caterpillar plague ravages Cumbrian fells

Nick Hopkins

THE first sign of trouble was the flock of seagulls circling menacingly overhead. Then sheep started fleeing the high ground on the hillside.

John Jackson, an experienced farmer, knew something was afoot, but even he was surprised when he trudged out to investigate.

Wriggling beneath his Wellington boots, Mr Jackson, aged 56, found millions and millions of caterpillars. The larvae were spread across 1,000 acres of the Howgill fells in Cumbria, eating voraciously and advancing. The caterpillars have already decimated trac's of pasture and Mr Jackson believes matters will get worse.

"It is a desperate situation," he said. "The sheep can't graze where they have been because the grass has been eaten. They are being forced to move down the fells. It is like something from the Bible."

About 80 million Antler Moth caterpillars are munching through land owned by dozens of farmers. The larvae, an inch long and green, are known to be aggressive eaters.

Mr Jackson, from Newbiggin-on-Lune, said they had outgrazed his sheep and lambs, forcing 600 of them to retreat. "The caterpillars are moving quite quickly, maybe 2ft a day. It is amazing that such a little thing can have such an affect on the fells.

"This is the time of year when you expect the fells to be at their best so the sheep and lambs do well so we have good stock to sell. But this is going to affect the quality of the animals."

The seagulls have been feasting on the caterpillars, but they have not slowed their advance.

Mr Jackson said he could lose up to £10 an animal due to the poorer grazing and some farmers may be forced to sell animals early.

There may also be a influx of predators including birds and other insects and the land may take 12 months to recover.

Mike Lole, from the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, said the infestation of larvae — cerapteryx graminis — was due to a lack natural enemies including disease, parasitic wasps and birds. "This is a bad omen. When you get a plague it is like a moving army."

Adult Antler Moths — named after the antler pattern on the males' wings — drop eggs from their wings on to upland pastures especially in acid soil areas. The eggs lie dormant throughout the winter before hatching in March then turning into moths in July.

John Lancaster from the Kendal National Farmers Union said: "There is nothing we can do about it."

Only when the insects become docile chrysalids will the invasion disappear as the pupa turn into moths and fly off.

Killer sprays would also destroy the grass and would be difficult and costly to carry out.

Richard Knight, of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, said: "This particular breed is prone to plague. Hopefully, they will not be able to do too much more damage."

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'Major' cash boost for NHS

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

MINISTERS will this week confirm "major investment" in the NHS — but resist pressure to guarantee an improvement in Britain's relatively poor record on health spending.

Frank Dobson, Health Secretary, yesterday said the cash increase in NHS funds in each of the next three years would be "much bigger" than the £1.7 billion extra committed for the current year.

Sunday newspaper reports attributed to government sources put the overall planned increase — to emerge from the Government's comprehensive spending review — at between £8 billion and £12 billion in the next three years. The total NHS budget is more than £40 billion.

Health leaders will want to see details of the cash announcement to assess how much will be a real increase above inflation. Most health economists agree the NHS needs an annual real increase of some 3 per cent to meet growing demands and costs.

Britain spends relatively little on health care as a proportion of GDP, and this is certain to be raised at an international health care conference in London this week to be attended by 3,500 delegates and opened on Wednesday by Mr Dobson. Tony Blair is expected to address it, although details of extra NHS money are likely to await a full statement on the spending review next week.

Mr Dobson has been making clear that the Government will not commit itself to an improvement in Britain's relative position on health spending. He told one seminar: "Whatever the level of expenditure on the NHS, a higher proportion of it goes on health care than in any alternative system — which is why I have never subscribed to the view that we should try to raise the proportion spent to the level of other countries."

Interviewed yesterday on BBC's Breakfast with Frost, he refused to be drawn on how much cash the NHS would be getting. But he did indicate that over three years it would exceed £5 billion.

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John Ezard hears tales from men in anoraks

Bad image takes its toll on trainspotting

THE little commuter train, drab, cramped and bone-shaking to its passengers, crept into King's Cross, London — and made Kevin Powell's day.

In fact, it made his year. The sighting of Networker 365521 was a culmination of three years of vigils. "I've got the lot now," he said. "It's like getting a hole in one, a mixture of skill and luck."

It meant Mr Powell, aged 30, a butcher of Wem, Shropshire, has now spotted all 41 trains in the Networker series numbered from 365500 to 365541. That takes a lot of travel to stations served by the depots from which the trains work — and a lot of spotting.

Congratulations flowed from his two kindred spirits on platform 8: Jack Smith, aged 49, from Crewe and Graham Baldwin, aged 52, from Portsmouth. "This morning I went all the way down to Plymouth to complete a series," Jack said wistfully.

But it was not just Networker 365521 that had reached the end of the line. Train-spotters are heading that way too, according to Murray Brown, co-editor of Rail Express, one of their leading specialist magazines.

They are the last of generations of men — rarely women — who have stood intently on draughty platforms almost since Stephenson's Rocket came into service 170 years ago.

They are a hardy, expert breed, fascinated by the historic romance of railway engineering and design, by the beauty of the countryside which trains opened up. But now they are dying off.

Train-spotters are only a small minority of Britain's estimated 500,000 rail enthusiasts. But the decline in their numbers is considered grave because they are the hobby's frontline troops. Most lifelong rail passions begin with boys and young men ticking off numbers at platform ends.

Mr Brown said sales of many of the main magazines have fallen by 15 to 20 per cent in the past decade. This is because youngsters have stopped taking up the hobby and growing up into enthusiasts.

A proof of his warning is the absence of spotters — whose trade nickname is "gricers" — from seven of the mainline London stations to which they once flocked.

On two mornings and afternoons Kevin, Jack and Graham were the only gricers visible in a search of King's Cross, Euston, St Pancras, Liverpool Street, Waterloo, Victoria and Clapham Junction.

"A few years ago you'd have had 20 of us here, even on a weekday," said Graham at King's Cross. "At weekends, when more people turn out, you'd once have got 200. But there are still a few youngsters coming into the hobby."

This decline is cruelly unexpected because less than 20 years ago rail enthusiasm seemed to be at its all-time peak. In 1982 more admirers turned up for the last run of a Delta diesel locomotive than for any event in the heyday of steam. Older enthusiasts are still avid. Costly first class "wine-dine" tickets on special excursions are always the first to sell out.

Mr Brown is convinced that the dearth of youngsters is partly because for 20 years the media has been insulting train-spotters as "anoraks". "It's honestly not true," he said. "Fishermen wear anoraks, not train-spotters. Neither do we wear bobble hats.

"You can make any human interest sound ridiculous. What sounds dafter than hitting a ball at a hole you can't see? Train-spotting offers exactly the same challenge as philately."

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Living by numbers: a trainspotter awaits the arrival of another train at the station in the hope of adding the registration on the carriage to his collection

My A to Z of perfection in this messy old world

Stephen Moss on halcyon days spent searching for 'peaks'

I ADMIT it, I was a trainspotter. When I entered my teens in the late sixties, almost every boy in my school shared my obsession. Steam, the true glory days of trainspotting, had died, but diesels still had enough character to make their pursuit worthwhile.

Collecting numbers, above all completing sets of train types, appealed to that laddish need to order the world. There were 193 "peaks" and I saw, spotted, noted, enumerated every one: what a sense of triumph, of completeness, of closure. The world was a messy place but my A-Z of train numbers had a felt-tipped perfection, a satisfying certainty.

Trainspotting was also, contrary to popular misconceptions of lone, anoraked loonies, highly social. Groups of us — always boys, never girls — would travel seeking trains that never reached South Wales.

My first experience of Britain was through its stations and rail depots. London meant King's Cross for "Deltics", the sheds at Stratford and Charlton. Nottingham housed the 10 named peaks, which, with a bit of breaking and entering, could be seen lined up in numerical order on a quiet Sunday; Derby had its research works.

Now it would be impossible. Can 13-year-old boys safely stand at King's Cross these days for hours on end? Clubs used then to run weekend tours for young trainspotters — we once did Goole, Immingham, Bradford and Burton-on-Trent in one glorious weekend.

But something else happened too. The network went on shrinking and many of the diesels followed steam into oblivion, replaced by faceless electric trains, boring multiple units and those absurd two-carriage sprinter trains.

BR also changed their numbering conventions and started giving trains silly corporate or civic names.

Youth was over; it was time to give up. To misquote Norma Desmond, it was the trains that got small.

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White youths face barrage of queries over black murder

David Pallister

FOR the first time in five years, the five white youths charged but never convicted of the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence will be forced today to answer questions in public.

But when they appear at the climax of the three-month public inquiry in south London, they cannot be asked about their guilt or innocence following a direction in the High Court last week.

Supporting the initial ruling at the beginning of the inquiry by the chairman, Sir William Macpherson, the High Court insisted the men should not have to face what amounted to a trial.

At a late hearing on Thursday with all the lawyers in the case, including counsel for the five men, Sir William acknowledged that he would be entering into a legal minefield.

"I will literally have to decide on the hoof," he said. "I must ask everyone to realise that this task will involve skating on ice.

"Nobody is entitled to come here and either by question or gesture or anything else insinuate or turn this into a trial. That is what makes my task extremely difficult."

If the men's lawyers do detect questions going beyond the High Court's ruling they are likely to seek an adjournment for a further High Court hearing.

Anti-racist groups and members of black communities throughout London are expected to turn up in force for the hearings in Hannibal House at Elephant and Castle, south London. Electronic security gates and crash barriers have been installed at the entrance. Police will also be in the inquiry chamber where the public seats are only an unprotected gangway from the witness box.

The five men — David Norris, 21, Neil Acourt, 22, his brother Jamie, 21, Luke Knight, 20 and Gary Dobson, 22 — have all at various times been charged with Stephen's murder. He was stabbed twice by a gang while waiting for a bus in Eltham, south-east London, in April 1993.

> 'Nobody is entitled to come here and insinuate or turn this into a trial'

Neil Acourt, Dobson and Knight were acquitted at the Old Bailey in 1996 after the collapse of a private prosecution brought by Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen Lawrence. The charges against Jamie Acourt and Norris were dropped before the case came to trial.

Although Sir William has been able to grant them immunity for whatever they say at the inquiry, which is into police conduct of the murder investigation, they are liable to either a fine or up to six months in prison if they fail to appear or refuse to answer admissable questions.

Two of the draft questions which the inquiry counsel, Edmund Lawson QC, wanted to put were: "What are your views about ethnic minority groups? Would you describe yourself as a racist?"

But even these may be not asked after a concession last week by their counsel, Charles Conway. Referring to a secret police video of some of the suspects filmed in 1994, in which they utter racist remarks while playing with knives, he said: "The court can draw its own conclusions from that tape, as to their views."

Sir William also ruled out the first question they were to have been asked: "Is there any truth in any of the allegations made against you?" This would have included allegations that two of the five were responsible for another stabbing for which one was acquitted — after an attempt to bribe the victim — and the charge against the other dropped.



Stephen Lawrence who was murdered by a racist gang in Eltham, south-east London

Profiles

NEIL ACOURT, aged 22, and his brother JAMIE ACOURT, aged 21, had a violent and racist reputation even before Stephen's murder in 1993. They lived on the Brook estate in Eltham, south London, with their elder twin brothers, five minutes from the murder scene.

Leaders of a feared local gang, they like to call themselves The Krays after the 1960s East End gang leaders. At Kidbrook school they were known as part of a group that harassed and intimidated black and Asian students with coshes, baseball bats and knives. Jamie once took in a Smith & Wesson pistol.

Both liked to carry knives when they went out, and Neil constantly showed his friends how to lunge at victims. Six knives, including a Gurkha knife, were found at their home by the police.



Neil Acourt: violent racist

DAVID NORRIS, 21, is the son of a profession criminal, Clifford Norris, whose name has repeatedly cropped up during the inquiry. Norris senior is serving eight years for smuggling cannabis and possession of guns.

Norris was a street friend and football partner of the Acourts. He has been charged with other stabbings but the cases were either dropped or he was acquitted, leading Michael Mansfield QC, the Lawrence family lawyer, to remark that he had led a "charmed existence".



Jamie Acourt: gun to school

GARY DOBSON, 22, lived a few minutes away from the stabbing on the Progress estate. At first he told police he had been at home all night, then said he went to the Acourts' house at midnight to collect some CDs.

A knife similar to one used in the killing was found at the home of his girlfriend, Gaynor Cullen.

The police also found at his home a jacket which matched a witness description of one worn by one of Stephen's attackers.

He was acquitted of the murder in 1996.



David Norris: 'charmed life'

LUKE KNIGHT, 20, was the youngest of the group. He also lived close to the murder scene but his alibi was that he had spent the whole evening with his parents.

In a secret police video he is seen talking to Neil Acourt: "D'ya remember that Enoch Powell. That geezer he knew, he went over to Africa ... and he came back here saying they're uncivilised ... and then they started coming over here and he was saying no I don't want them here, no fucking niggers, they'll run the gaff and he was right, they fucking have ruined it."



Gary Dobson: walked free



Luke Knight: secret video

Hague challenged over Tory splits on Lords reform

Anne Perkins
Political Correspondent

DEEP divisions in Tory ranks emerged last night over reform of the House of Lords, with radicals on both right and left demanding a clear policy in favour of a fully or partly elected second chamber.

They believe William Hague should take on the hereditaries in what could be a confrontation as critical to public perception of the party as was Neil Kinnock's attack on Militant more than 10 years ago.

"There are risks and dangers, but there are huge opportunities. We should have a clear view of our own that people understand," said Andrew Tyrie, MP for Chichester and a former aide to John Major, who has written one of two pamphlets published today calling for a directly elected second chamber.

But some backbenchers and peers are convinced that anything other than all-out opposition to the Government's plans for reform would be a betrayal. Lord Cranborne, leader of the Tory peers, said it was up to Labour to say what it would do after it had fulfilled its Stage One plans to strip hereditary peers of their voting rights and create dozens of new life peers in the next parliamentary session.

In a BBC interview for On the Record yesterday, he said: "The Conservative Party has no plans to come forward with its own plans in the next few months and it would be wrong to do so."

Some Tory peers are determined to obstruct the Government's legislative programme in the Lords in the next session until it explains its long-term plans for reform.

But hawkish Tory MPs are impatient with what they see as a covert attempt to defend hereditary peers, which they believe would be unpopular with the kind of voters the party needs to win back.

Mr Tyrie said: "If Conservatives come forward with proposals for reform which incorporate a substantital democratic element ... their opposition to Stage One would be far more understandable to a wider public, for the choice before the country would have become very clear: the Labour quangocracy versus Tory democracy."

In a pamphlet with the authority of the party's own internal debating society, the Conservative Policy Forum, he says it would be possible to have a mainly elected upper house with the same powers of scrutiny and revision held by the current House of Lords, while meeting Lord Cranborne's six principles on effectiveness and patronage.

The leftish Tory Reform Group is also calling for a partly-elected upper chamber with a significant independent element made up of law lords, religious leaders and representatives elected by British Overseas Territories.

Wildlife thriving in sewers among bikes and dead boas

Sarah Hall

SNAKES, lawnmowers, motorbikes, dentures and toupees are among the wildlife and bric-à-brac found lurking in Britain's 212,500 miles of sewers, a report reveals today.

Porn photos jostle with Action Man, mattresses, jail keys and a 5ft tall toy gorilla, according to a survey of the sewer system, by the industry body Water UK. Three 15ft boa constrictors and a 9ft python were fished out after being flushed down lavatories — with the exception of one boa that fled from a zoo.

The reptiles were dead, but live terrapins have been plucked from the predominantly Victorian pipe network, as well as salamanders, sea trout, salmon, eels and frogs.

The wildlife is believed to have swum into the system through sewage outlets to rivers and the sea. Adrian Beeby, a spokesman for Water UK, said the creatures could flourish thanks to the more effective cleaning of effluent. "In certain parts of the country, particularly the very rural areas, there's a lot of activity," he said.

The larger inanimate objects, including the lawnmowers and motorbikes, had been stuffed into the sewers through manhole covers.

Pamela Taylor, UK Water's chief executive, said that while the haul may be fascinating it took only a small item to block a sewer and cause homes to flood with foul water.

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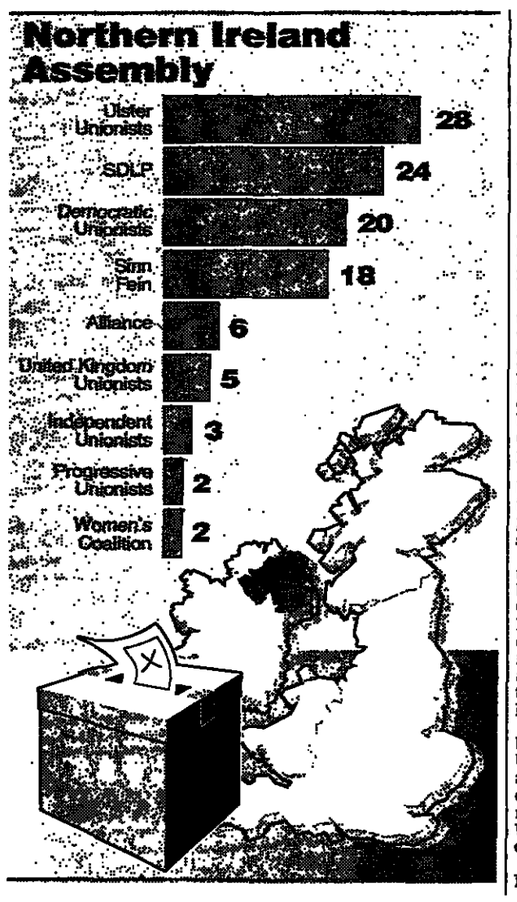
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John Mullin surveys implications for Unionists and nationalists in an assembly of differing opinions but with a mutual goal



Republicans demonstrators clash with police in front of Unionist marchers during vote counting for the Northern Ireland assembly PHOTOGRAPH: DAN CHUNG

Trimble survives poll crash



IT WAS, on the face of it, the worst performance of the Ulster Unionist Party. A mere 21.3 per cent of the vote, and a second place for the first time to the nationalist SDLP.

And yet David Trimble somehow managed to crawl from the wreckage of his party and over the latest hurdle he has had to face since becoming leader three years ago. There are fearsome problems ahead, but he should be able to ensure the new assembly works.

For this was an election under the single transferable vote system, and first preference votes mattered much less than who grabbed most of the six seats in each of the 18 constituencies. The Ulster Unionists scored well in securing transfers from other parties.

The result is that Mr Trimble has emerged as leader of the largest party in the new parliament, with 28 of the 108 seats.

Mr Trimble's assembly team includes two who had been openly hostile to the Good Friday Agreement. But Peter Weir, one of the so-called baby barristers who represent the party's future, and Roy Beggs junior, son of the refusenik East Antrim MP, are now back in line.

He can also rely on the backing of the Progressive Unionist Party. David Ervine and Billy Hutchinson, key architects of the deal, were both returned. That puts the Unionist members in favour of the assembly at 30.

The Democratic Unionist Party, its vote down slightly, have 20 seats, exactly what its deputy leader, Peter Robinson, predicted. Bob McCartney's UK Unionists, the other party opposed to the agreement, won an impressive five places, with three Independent Unionists against the deal also returned. Total number of Unionists opposed to the assembly: 28.

That falls short of the 30 seats needed to force the assembly to make a decision under a cross-community voting system more demanding than a simple majority.

There are two forms: one is parallel consent, requiring simple majorities of members from both the Unionist and nationalist benches. The other seeks a majority of 60 per cent, including 40 per cent from members of each community. Either will suffice.

Assuming the PUP sticks with him, Mr Trimble can see as many as six of his assembly members defect to the No block and still deliver 40 per cent of the Unionists in the assembly. As long as nationalists remain reasonably cohesive, 60 per cent is a comfortable target.

Only one vote must pass on the more demanding parallel consent: the elections of the first minister and deputy first minister. While the Unionist No block might abstain, Mr Trimble will win through on Wednesday, and John Hume, leader of the SDLP, will be his deputy.

Turnout was down on the referendum, particularly in Unionist constituencies east of the River Bann, but pro-agreement parties won 75 per cent of the vote. That was an increase on the 71 per cent of voters endorsing the agreement last month.

There are 80 members who back the agreement. As well as the Ulster Unionists and PUP combined total of 30; the SDLP won 24 seats; Sinn Fein, 18; Alliance six; and Women's Coalition, two.

The SDLP, with 22 per cent of the vote, for the first time topped the poll in Northern Ireland, aided by the substantially higher turnout among nationalists and the splits within Unionism.

Sinn Fein, too, posted an increase of more than one-fifth on its vote in the 1996 elections for the Forum for Political Dialogue, the qualifying vehicle for the multi-party talks at Stormont. It won 17.3 per cent of the poll, and one more seat than it expected.

The Alliance Party polled strongly in areas where the spat between Unionism was at its peak, but disappointingly elsewhere. Its six seats means it falls short of claiming a seat on the power-sharing executive, distributed according to strength in the assembly.

The Women's Coalition was the real surprise. Some suspected Monica McWilliams was in with a chance in south Belfast, but Jane Morrice also came through as the sixth member in North Down.

But, while the PUP, linked to the Ulster Volunteer Force, won two places, the other fringe loyalist party, the Ulster Democratic Party, missed out. It is close to the Ulster Defence Association and Ulster Freedom Fighters, the largest and most volatile loyalist paramilitary force.

Gary McMichael, leader of the UDP, fell victim to the internecine warfare in Lagan Valley, where Jeffrey Donaldson, Ulster Unionist MP, had been refused permission to stand. Mr Trimble's decision may have slapped down a potential leader turned hate figure, but it also cost the Ulster Unionists one, and possibly two, seats there.

It also led to a low turnout, of 64 per cent, and that impacted hard on Mr McMichael. The SDLP's Patricia Lewsley, otherwise with little chance, slipped in ahead of him to wrest the sixth seat.

The elections over, Mr Trimble will want to stamp his authority on the party at Friday's executive meeting. He is also keen to break the age-old link with the Orange Order. There may be a dramatic re-alignment of Unionism, this time with the moderniser emerging as victor.

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Results

EAST ANTRIM
Turnout 61.4%
Roy Beggs Jnr (UUP) 5,764 (1st count); Sean Neeson (A) 5,247 (9th count); David Hilditch (DUP) 5,215 (12th count); Ken Robinson (UUP) 6,275 (12th count); Rocher Huchinson (UKUP) 4,220 (13th count); Danny O'Connor (SDLP) 4,191 (13th count)

BELFAST EAST
Turnout 65.4%
Peter Robinson (DUP) 11,219 (1st count); John Alderdice (A) 6,144 (1st count); David Ervine (PUP) 5,357 (7th count); Reg Empey (UUP) 6,109 (12th count); Sammy Wilson (DUP) 5,711 (12th count); Ian Adamson (UUP) .... (deemed elected)

BELFAST WEST
Turnout 70.6%
Gerry Adams (SF) 9,078 (1st count); Joe Hendron (SDLP) 6,140 (1st count); Sue Ramsey (SF) 7,371 (7th count); Bairbre De Brun (SF) 6,994 (9th count); Alex Attwood (SDLP) 5,344 (10th count); Alex Maskey (SF) 5,325 (10th count)

FOYLE
Turnout 70.8%
John Hume (SDLP) 12,581 (1st count); Mitchell McLaughlin (SF) 7,243 (5th count); Mark Durkan (SDLP) 6,980 (6th count); John Tierney (SDLP) 7,313 (7th count); Mary Nelis (SF) 6,594 (8th count); William Hay (DUP) 6,315 (8th count)

NEWRY/ARMAGH
Turnout 72.2%
Seamus Mallon (SDLP) 13,582 (1st count); Paul Berry (DUP) 7,900 (3rd count); Danny Kennedy (UUP) 6,090 (6th count); Pat McNamee (SF) 5,321 (6th count); John Fee (SDLP) 6,430 (8th count); Conor Murphy (SF) 5,294 (8th count)

STRANGFORD
Turnout 59.6%
Iris Robinson (DUP) 9,479 (1st count); John Taylor (UUP) 9,203 (1st count); Thomas Benson (UUP) 6,327 (17th count); Kieran McCarthy (A) 6,202 (17th count); Jim Shannon (DUP) 5,933 (18th count); Cedric Wilson (UKUP) 4,941 (18th count)

NORTH ANTRIM
Turnout 68.4%
Ian Paisley Snr (DUP) 10,590 (1st count); Ian Paisley Jnr (DUP) 4,459 (2nd count); Sean Farren (SDLP) 8,300 (6th count); Robert Coulter (UUP) 6,797 (10th count); James Leslie (UUP) 4,473 (12th count); Gardiner Kane (DUP) 4,290 (12th count)

BELFAST NORTH
Turnout 65.8%
Nigel Dodds (DUP) 7,476 (1st count); Alban Maginness (SDLP) 6,196 (1st count); Gerry Kelly (SF) 8,793 (10th count); Billy Hutchinson (PUP) 5,517 (11th count); Fred Cobain (UUP) 5,114 (11th count); William Agnew (UU 4,971 (11th count)

EAST DERRY
Turnout 67.7%
Gregory Campbell (DUP) 6,099 (1st count); David McClarty (UUP) 5,351 (5th count); John Dallat (SDLP) 4,855 (6th count); Arthur Doherty (SDLP) 7,754 (8th count); Boyd Douglas (IND) 4,259 (9th count); *Pauline Armitage* (UUP) 3,452 (9th count)

LAGAN VALLEY
Turnout 64.0%
Seamus Close (A) 6,788 (1st count); Billy Bell (UUP) 6,679 (5th count); Edwin Poots (DUP) 5,370 (7th count); Patrick Roche (UKUP) 5,370 (9th count); Ivan Davis (UUP) 4,593 (9th count); Patricia Lewsley (SDLP) 4,431 (9th count)

NORTH DOWN
Turnout 59.3%
Robert McCartney (UKUP) 8,188 (1st count); Alan McFarland (UUP) 5,466 (6th count); John Gorman (UUP) 5,346 (6th count); Eileen Bell (A) 5,900 (9th count); Peter Weir (UUP) 4,751 (12th count); Jane Morrice (NWC) 4,898 (12th count)

UPPER BANN
Turnout 71.1%
David Trimble (UUP) 12,338 (1st count); Brid Rogers (SDLP) 9,260 (1st count); Dara O'Hagan (SF) 4,714 (10th count); Denis Watson (UUU) 5,547 (13th count); Mervyn Carrick (DUP) 4,443 (13th count); George Savage (UUP) 2,972 (13th count)

SOUTH ANTRIM
Turnout 63.4%
Jim Wilson (UUP) 6,691 (1st count); Wilson Clyde (DUP) 8,522 (6th count); Norman Boyd (UKUP) 6,381 (7th count); D McClelland (SDLP) 5,540 (8th count); D Shipley-Dalton (UUP) 5,012 (9th count); David Ford (A) 4,507 (10th count)

BELFAST SOUTN
Turnout 67.7%
Michael McGimpsey (UUP) 5,896 (5th count); A McDonnel (SDLP) 5,963 (6th count); Mark Robinson (DUP) 6,524 (8th count); Esmond Birnie (UUP) 5,881 (8th count); Monica McWilliams (NWC) 5,277 (10th count); Carmel Hanna (SDLP) 4,982 (10th count)

FERMANAGH/TYRONE
Turnout 79.4%
Tommy Gallagher (SDLP) 8,135 (1st count); Sam Foster (UUP) 7,494 (5th count); Gerry McHugh (SF) 5,899 (7th count); Michelle Gildernew (SF) 8,501 (9th count); Maurice Morrow (DUP) 6,627 (10th count); Joan Carson (UUP) 6,582 (10th count)

MID ULSTER
Turnout 86.3%
Willie McCrea (DUP) 10,339 (1st count); Martin McGuinness (SF) 8,703 (1st count); Billy Armstrong (UUP) 7,467 (6th count); Francie Molloy (SF) 7,083 (6th count); Denis Haughey (SDLP) 7,051 (6th count); John Kelly (SF) 5,914 (6th count)

SOUTH DOWN
Turnout 72.7%
Eddie McGrady (SDLP) 10,373 (1st count); Mick Murphy (SF) 6,574 (6th count); Dermott Nesbitt (UUP) 6,133 (8th count); PJ Bradley (SDLP 5,571 (10th count); Jim Wells (DUP) 4,826 (11th count); Eamon O'Neill (SDLP) 3,582 (11th count)

WEST TYRONE
Turnout 78.3%
Oliver Gibson (UUP) 8,015 (1st count); Pat Doherty (SF) 7,027 (1st count); Joe Byrne (SDLP) 6,705 (4th count); Derek Hussey (UUP) 5,519 (8th count); E. McMenamin (SDLP) 6,520 (9th count); *Barry McElduff (SF)* 5,997 (9th count)

Jail records

David Ervine, 44, a plumber's mate, was jailed for 11 years in 1974 after he was caught transporting an Ulster Volunteer Force bomb across Belfast. He was forced to defuse the device at gunpoint, with a rope tied round his ankle. He was 21, and spent five years in the Maze prison.

He joined the Progressive Unionist Party, linked to the UVF, in 1984 and stood for election for the first time the next year. He is a Belfast city councillor, and played a crucial role in persuading the UVF to begin its ceasefire in 1994, which has lasted since.

Billy Hutchinson, 42, of the Progressive Unionist Party, is another Belfast city councillor and community worker on the Shankill Road.

He was jailed for his role in the murders of two Catholic half-brothers, randomly chosen to be shot. He was 18 and served 15 years of two life sentences, before being released on licence in 1991.

Gerry Adams, 50, Sinn Fein president. He was interned in March 1972, and released for a weekend to take part in the Cheyne Walks talks with the British Government. He was given an 18 months jail term for attempting to escape from the Maze prison, but, despite his one-time role as an IRA commander, has never been convicted of any terrorist offence.

Martin McGuinness, 50, deputy to Adams. He was twice jailed in the republic a quarter of a century ago for IRA membership, and was named as a member of the IRA's ruling Army Council.

On one occasion he told a court: "I am proud to be a member of Oglaigh na hEireann."

IRA informer Sean O'Callaghan named him as well as Adams and Pat Doherty, also elected, in a libel trial at Dublin high court as being a member of the Army Council 15 years ago.

Gerry Kelly, 44, a leading negotiator at Castle Buildings, Stormont. He masterminded the Old Bailey bombing in 1973 in which one person died and 250 were injured. He was jailed for life, but led the Maze breakout in 1983 when 38 IRA prisoners escaped. A prison officer was shot and later died. Kelly was arrested in Amsterdam three years later with fellow escapee Brendan McFarlane, buying arms for the IRA. He fought a long extradition battle, but was eventually sentenced to another five years. He was force-fed during a hunger strike at Wormwood Scrubs.

He says: "I have nothing to hide about my past. I was proud when I was in the IRA. I believe the potential is there to sort this conflict out, have a lasting peace and deal with the core issues."

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Borrowing

Overdrafts	Per Month	EAR
Meridian Current Account	1.04%	13.2%
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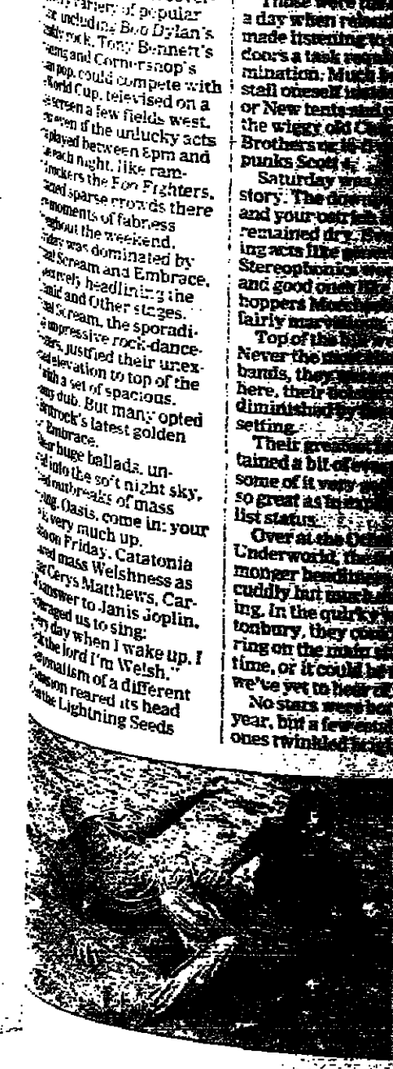
Mortgages	New Rate Per Annum	APR
Home loan rate	8.95%	9.3%
Home improvement (loans sanctioned before 26.4.89)	10.95%	11.3%
House Mortgage Rate	8.95%	9.2%

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Current Accounts	Gross	Net
Meridian Current Account		
£50,000+	3.45%	2.76%
£10,000+	3.21%	2.56%
£2,000+	1.49%	1.19%
Up to £2,000	1.00%	0.80%
High Interest Cheque Account		
£50,000+	3.47%	2.77%
£10,000+	3.23%	2.58%
£2,000+	1.50%	1.20%
Up to £2,000	1.00%	0.80%
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Team aims to save education of disaffected youths

'Superteachers' to aid problem pupils

John Carvel
Education Editor

EDUCATION ministers are planning to set up an elite corps of specially trained teachers to help the 15,000 pupils permanently excluded from school for truancy or misbehaviour and draw them back into full-time education.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, wants them to work with disaffected children at home, in youth clubs and in separate classrooms within schools to tackle the learning difficulties that often lead to misdemeanour.

The teachers, who would be trained in rehabilitation skills, would also spend part of their time on preventative work with pupils at risk of permanent exclusion.

The scheme won support from Tony Blair after the Downing Street social exclusion unit reported last month that the multiple problems of deprived areas were being exacerbated by the growth in expulsions.

However, the proposal is one of several still awaiting Treasury approval as the comprehensive spending review enters the final stage of hard bargaining over the next 10 days.

Education ministers are understood to be struggling to achieve spending increases similar to the £10 billion-plus package being offered to the Department of Health. The Treasury has signalled that £7-9 billion over three years would be available for education, but more would be needed to fulfil promises to the universities, colleges, training and schools.

The departure today of John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, on an eight-day official visit to China was causing anxiety among ministers with programmes delivered by local authorities such as schools and social services. Mr Prescott's department oversees council budgets, but he is likely to miss many of the key meetings on spending.

Council leaders last night welcomed the plan to train teachers to combat school exclusion. Graham Lane, the Labour education chairman of the Local Government Association, said £20 million was needed to create a network of "superteachers".

"We must put a stop to these children becoming the forgotten generation by giving them the skills to get back into school.

"Thousands of youngsters throughout Britain are becoming unemployed and unemployable because they have no education. They then easily drift into crime and become isolated from society as they see no future for themselves," he said.

Many expelled pupils said their unruly behaviour was caused by feeling embarrassed in class because they had fallen behind and could not cope with the work.

Mr Blunkett will this week launch another scheme to combat disaffection among pupils aged 14 to 16 by sending them for a day a week to learn vocational skills in factories or colleges of further education.

He thinks boys can be remotivated by contact with the world of work. The scheme is modelled on an experiment at Pemberton community high school in Wigan, Greater Manchester, which slashed the rate of truancy among 15-year-olds by arranging for them to spend a day a week at a local Heinz factory where they did on-the-job training for a National Vocational Qualification.



Repeated pruning fails to prevent subsidence but it eventually kills trees, which save energy and absorb pollution PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

War on subsidence maims trees

Residents want branches lopped to cut uptake of water, report **Helen Field** and **Paul Brown**

THOUSANDS of trees are being mutilated on the orders of local authorities and insurance companies to prevent subsidence despite scientific evidence that it makes no difference to the problem.

Pressure is being exerted by homeowners claiming damages from their councils over subsidence. One council, Ealing borough in west London, had 177 separate claims last year averaging £30,000.

A series of dry summers have shrunk the heavy clay soils in London and other cities, leading to cracked walls and other subsidence damage. Last year there were 45,900 claims which cost the insurance industry £393 million.

Street trees have been partly blamed because they absorb hundreds of gallons of water a day, which evaporates into the atmosphere.

To try to reduce the problem, councils have been lopping off branches, which scientists say merely makes the trees work harder through to replace the loss. The Arboricultural Association recommends that no more than 25 per cent of leaf area should be removed if the health of the tree is to be protected.

Ealing council, which has been under greatest pressure from insurers, says it has adopted a policy of lopping 50 per cent of all branches from street trees. A spokeswoman said: "We have a very thorough programme of inspecting trees and pruning to reduce leaf area."

Critics say that Ealing and other councils are lopping far more, and some trees are left with only the trunk. Mike Lawson, managing director of O'Callaghan Associates of Liverpool, tree specialists, said: "Councils are irreparably damaging the trees in our streets as they successively increase pruning and discover this has little effect. They start by removing 50 per cent. When the tree fights back, they remove 75 per cent and then the tree will still give its best shot. Eventually they will kill the tree."

Mr Lawson said the progressive lopping of many of London's 400,000 street trees was causing financial loss and worsening pollution.

He said trees save money, according to US research. He calculates the total benefit of London's trees £2.4 billion a year by saving energy in providing shade and wind breaks. Trees also soaked up storm water runoff and absorbed pollution.

Susannah Quinn, a lawyer paid by insurance companies to sue councils on behalf of householders, said it took up to two years of monitoring to establish a tree or trees were responsible for the problem.

The Association of British Insurers refused to comment on their members' behaviour, and the fact that many street trees were being mutilated.

However, Jeremy Owenson of Eagle Star said: "We are aiming to increase awareness of the problems of subsidence and are encouraging people to pollard their own trees or draw to the attention of local councils street trees near their homes. We are aware there is a body of evidence which suggests pruning can increase the uptake of water by a tree."

Chainsaw massacre

FOR:

- ☐ Increase property values by 7 to 12 per cent
- ☐ Mature specimens improve local air quality
- ☐ Provide shade and wind breaks.
- ☐ Prevent local flooding by absorbing water on their leaves

AGAINST:

- ☐ Can cause subsidence in areas with clay soil if too close to houses
- ☐ Can block light from houses and gardens
- ☐ Birds nest in them, making a mess on parked cars
- ☐ Falling leaves in autumn

Aids vaccine research given 'fast track' boost

Sarah Boseley
Health Correspondent

MICROSOFT billionaire Bill Gates, Levi Strauss and the Government are leading the way in donations for the development of an Aids vaccine by the year 2007, it was announced at the start of the 12th World Aids conference in Geneva yesterday.

Although Levi Strauss has not revealed its contribution, Mr Gates has stumped up $1.5 million (£904,000), and the Government £200,000 from Claire Short's Department for International Development.

The gifts are being hailed as the first significant commitments from an individual, a government and a corporation towards an organised international effort to develop a vaccine which is the best hope for the 16,000 people infected with HIV every day. Ninety per cent of those live in the developing world, where drugs that have proved so effective in normalising life with Aids in the West are prohibitively expensive.

The conference yesterday saw the launch of the International Aids Vaccine Scientific Blueprint — a strategy to get money into the right labs for research on a vaccine and trials started in blackspots.

In a statement the International Aids Vaccine Initiative, the charity behind the blueprint, said: "Scientists believe that a vaccine is possible; however, so far, vaccines have not been a priority."

The pharmaceutical industry is reluctant to invest heavily in a project that may not bring vast rewards, as there is no money in the developing world to yield the returns its says it needs for the high costs of research.

"The world is not on track to meet the goal of a safe and effective Aids vaccine in the next decade," said Margaret Johnston, its vice-president for scientific affairs. "This programme will not only put us back on track; it will put us on a fast track."

The blueprint recommends the creation of between three and six "international product development teams" which will to speed the testing of promising vaccines in areas where there are Aids epidemics, and to promote links between scientists in the developed and developing world — as well as ensuring it is those in the developing world who benefit once vaccines are ready.

Glastonbury Festival

Pop feast kicked off by football

Caroline Sullivan sorts fab from drab

IN 1997 it was Radiohead's festival; the time before it was Pulp's — who returned to headline yesterday. But this year Glastonbury belonged to football.

Few of the 247 bands, covering every variety of popular music, including Bob Dylan's wrinkly rock, Tony Bennett's crooning and Cornershop's Asian pop, could compete with the World Cup, televised on a huge screen a few fields west.

But even if the unlucky acts who played between 8pm and 10pm each night, like ram-raid rockers the Foo Fighters, attracted sparse crowds there were moments of fabness throughout the weekend.

Friday was dominated by Primal Scream and Embrace, respectively headlining the Pyramid and Other stages. Primal Scream, the sporadically impressive rock-dance-meisters, justfied their unexpected elevation to top of the bill with a set of spacious, dreamy dub. But many opted for Britrock's latest golden boys, Embrace.

Their huge ballads, unfurled into the soft night sky, caused outbreaks of mass swaying. Oasis, come in: your time is very much up.

Also on Friday, Catatonia inspired mass Welshness as singer Cerys Matthews, Cardiff's answer to Janis Joplin, encouraged us to sing: "Every day when I wake up, I thank the lord I'm Welsh."

Nationalism of a different persuasion reared its head when the Lightning Seeds capped a bouncy show with their number one single, the England anthem Three Lions. As thousands of stamping feet turned the ground into slime, the verdant Mendip Hills rang to the chorus: "Three lions on a shirt . . . no more years of hurt, no more useless dreaming."

A pop moment, that.

Those were the highlights of a day when relentless rain made listening to music outdoors a task requiring determination. Much better to install oneself inside the Dance or New tents and partake of the wiggy old Chemical Brothers or lo-fi cowboy punks Scott 4.

Saturday was a different story. The downpour stopped and your ostrich burger remained dry. Even uninspiring acts like generic rockers Stereophonics were tolerable, and good ones like sultry trip-hoppers Morcheeba were fairly marvellous.

Top of the bill were Blur. Never the most charismatic of bands, they were even less so here, their boisterous tunes diminished by the outdoor setting.

Their greatest hits set contained a bit of everything — some of it very good but none so great as to explain their A-list status.

Over at the Other stage, Underworld, the techno-monger headliners, were less cuddly but much more exciting. In the quirky way of Glastonbury, they could be starring on the main stage next time, or it could be someone we've yet to hear of.

No stars were born this year, but a few established ones twinkled brightly.





Drum beat . . . A festival fan keeps out of the slush, while others (below, left) don't bother PHOTOGRAPHS: MARTIN GODWIN

Walkover for mud as sun turns up late

Amelia Gentleman on dampened spirits

THE sun was shining over Somerset at the end of the Glastonbury Festival yesterday, but it came too late to save much of the carnival spirit from drowning in the mud.

Organisers were struggling last night to move tens of thousands of vehicles, many of them swamped, back on to the road. Four-wheel drive vehicles and tractors rescued cars with wheels submerged in the quagmire. Other drivers faced long delays because several routes had been closed off after becoming too dangerous to use.

Gravel was brought in from local quarries in an attempt to make the roads passable.

After two days of heavy rain the mud had grown thicker and deeper across the 28 acres of Worthy Farm. The largest dance tent was cordoned off as workers tried to scrape away the slippery surface layer, and several beer tents were flooded by lakes of mud more than a foot deep in places.

Thousands left the site yesterday afternoon, too tired and muddy to stay to hear Bob Dylan and Pulp, two of the festival's main attractions.

Opinion was divided over whether the event was a success in spite of the downpours. Michael Eavis, the organiser and the farm's owner, insisted that the rain had made no difference: "The punters don't give a damn. Everywhere I go I see people having a good time."

But the mood among many mud-encrusted festival-goers making their way home prematurely was dispirited. James Powell, aged 24, a computer programmer from London, said: "We haven't been able to do what we wanted, which was to sit around in the sun listening to bands. There's nowhere to sit down, and it's exhausting walking around all day."

Robert Inglis, aged 16, a student from Devizes, Wiltshire, was also leaving a day early. "The bands were fantastic, but I couldn't cope with the idea of spending another night in a waterlogged tent."

Volunteers worked hard to make the experience bearable for those who had come unprepared. The welfare centre handed out several hundred pairs of second hand shoes and socks and 2,000 foil anti-hyperthermia blankets.

One of the main marquees was closed to provide a dry sleeping area for people whose tents had become saturated. Volunteer Mary Treacy said "We've looked after many more people than normal, most of whom have come to us chattering with the cold."

The medical centre treated some 2,400 people over the three days, said spokeswoman Caroline Thomas. As well as a sprains and broken ankles from slipping in the mud, doctors had seen several people with serious burns, caused when they tried to cook inside their tents to escape from the rain.

"The chiropodist has also been busy looking after people who have had their feet wrapped inside plastic bags for too many days," she said.

Recycling teams yesterday began the huge clean-up operation. Every acre of the farm has to be cleared of all traces of the festival before the cows can graze again. It will be two months before the site returns to normal.

News in brief

Sunday papers face Branson lawsuit

RICHARD Branson will sue the Sunday Times and the News of the World unless they apologise for publishing stories which contained an allegation that the Virgin tycoon subjected his women employees to constant sexual harassment.

He is seeking an immediate retraction and apology for yesterday's stories, which were based on American court papers filed by two former Virgin executives.

Although the News of the World story emphasised Mr Branson's denial of the claims, he is angered that both newspapers went on to report incorrectly that his lawyers accepted that one incident had taken place, but it did not amount to harassment.

He says he has not admitted anything to the American courts and his lawyers claim the women who are suing him are motivated by money.

Mr Branson said: "The stories published in the Sunday Times and the News of the World are complete rubbish. Both papers should have checked their facts . . . I have always categorically denied these allegations." — *Helen Carter*

Rail complaints hit record

PASSENGER complaints about privatised train companies rose to a record 1 million last year. Richard Branson's Virgin Trains came top, with 195,000 letters a year and 7,000 calls a month. Its West Coast line has been criticised for not running on time.

The new figures are due to be released this week by the Rail Regulator's office. The 25 companies received an average of 2,700 complaints a day by post and by phone. A spokesman for the rail regulator declined to comment on the figures ahead of their publication.

Legionnaire's ship docks

A CRUISE ship at the centre of a Legionnaire's disease alert docked yesterday in Greenock, Strathclyde, and its 800 passengers and 400 crew disembarked.

Passengers and crew of the SS Edinburgh Castle were given emergency advice about the symptoms of the illness, when it became apparent there had been a suspected outbreak on board. The ship is to be cleaned and disinfected.

The scare erupted when it was revealed that two people who had travelled on the ship in recent weeks had contracted the disease. Ship operators Direct Cruising, from Liverpool, have defended the decision to make the recent voyage and claimed the two people affected had both recovered.

Avalanche of junk mail

THE amount of junk mail pouring through letter boxes has reached a record, with 3.4 billion items sent last year.

Most people receive three pieces a week — up from two items in 1995 — and it accounts for just under half of all items received by post. But nearly one in four items goes straight in the bin. Insurance companies are responsible for the most direct mail, followed by credit card firms, banks and mail order companies.

Lapwings under threat

THE lapwing, one of the best-loved wading birds, is becoming a rarity, the RSPB said yesterday. Monitoring has shown population falls of up to 75 per cent in some areas since 1985. The society is urgently preparing a Lapwing Action Plan and appealing for £300,000 in response. The plan examines threats including intensive farming, pesticides and ploughing.

CIA to hire more spies after lapse on Indian tests

Mark Tran in New York

THE Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is about to embark on the biggest spy recruitment drive in its history, in the wake of its failure to foresee India's nuclear tests.

This year the CIA's clandestine espionage arm, the Directorate of Operations, will begin hiring record numbers of case officers, or spies, as part of a plan to revitalise the United States's espionage capabilities by 2005.

The agency plans to hire more than than five times as many spies as in 1995, the year of its lowest intake, with the number rising again next year. The exact number of spies is classified, but it is believed that around 1,000 case officers work in the directorate.

The CIA will also reopen several overseas offices that were shut in the early 1990s when Congress slashed its budget after the end of the cold war.

The reputation of the CIA, which was created under President Harry Truman 50 years ago, has been tarnished in recent years by scandals such as those involving double agents Aldrich Ames and Harold Nicolson, who both spied for Moscow.

But the biggest blow to its credibility came when the agency was completely blindsided by India's nuclear tests this year.

The CIA director, George Tenet, said recently: "While the intelligence community has for years closely followed the Indian nuclear programme, there is no getting around the fact that we did not predict these particular Indian nuclear tests."

In May the CIA admitted that it had no agents who could have tipped off the US about India's intentions.

But this lapse might have a galvanising effect. Congress has now earmarked funds for the recruitment drive. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, made sure the agency secured more money. The CIA currently receives $26.7 billion (around £16 billion).

The recruitment drive is seen as an acknowledgment that the CIA might have neglected traditional espionage, or human intelligence, in favour of high-tech methods such as eavesdropping devices and spy satellites.

And new technologies such as encryption and computer networks have blunted the effectiveness of spy satellites and listening devices, forcing a return to more old-fashioned methods.

The agency has also suffered a brain drain of talented and mid-career officers since the end of the cold war, with many complaining about low morale and a heavy-handed bureaucracy. CIA officers have been embroiled in public accusations of spying from France and Germany among others. The agency believes that part of the problem is that its agents have failed to apply the basics of training.

In a speech last November, Mr Tenet emphasised the importance of having a clandestine capability to get information on rogue states such as North Korea and Iraq.

"We may be able to discern how well they [rogue states] are doing in developing their capabilities or how they intend to use them by taking pictures from the air or from intecepting their communications," he said.

"But I can tell you, just as frequently a human source is the key to understanding their true intentions and capabilities."



Thousands gathered in the home village of singer Lounes Matoub, where he was buried yesterday

Crowds mourn Berber singer

Abdelmalek Touati in Taourirt Moussa, Algeria

THOUSANDS of Algerian Berbers attended the burial of singer Lounes Matoub yesterday in the garden of his home in the Kabylie region. Peasants and city dwellers joined in the village of Taourirt Moussa, 60 miles east of Algiers, to pay tribute to Matoub, aged 42, who was gunned down in an ambush last Thursday.

Matoub was a staunch anti-Islamist, outspoken supporter of the Berber cause and democrat whose songs often criticised Algerian officialdom.

Mourners were led by his sister, Malika, who climbed on to the red-tiled roof of the single-storey house to appeal for calm as people waited to pass by the coffin inside. The house, garden, streets outside and roads to the village were swamped with people angered at the death of the singer, whom the authorities say was killed by Muslim rebels.

Distrust of the authorities and their failure to protect Matoub provoked angry cries directed towards an army helicopter hovering nearby to protect mourners against any Muslim rebel attacks, witnesses said.

Matoub's killing sparked riots on Friday and Saturday in Tizi Ouzou, capital of the Berber-dominated north-eastern Kabylie region, and in neighbouring towns. At least two demonstrators were killed as protesters venting their anger at the murder stoned anti-riot police and damaged public buildings.

In the singer's village, reflecting the mixture of edginess and anger, mourners threw stones at moderate Islamist opposition leader Nourreddine Boukhrouh, mistaking him for the provincial governor. A man was hit by a stray bullet as shooting broke out, witnesses said. — *Reuters.*

Turkish boy rescued 26 hours after quake

Chris Morris in southern Turkey

RESCUE teams searched for survivors yesterday after the worst earthquake to hit Turkey for six years left at least 116 people dead and more than 1,500 injured at the weekend.

Thousands have lost their homes in the heavily populated region around Adana, near the Mediterranean coast.

"This is a terrible tragedy," Adana's deputy governor, Ardahan Totuk, said.

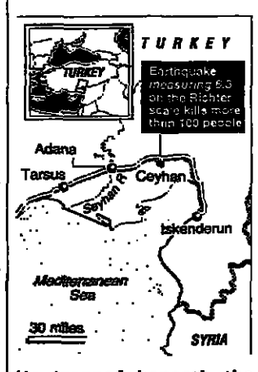
Throughout the day, sniffer dogs and mechanical diggers sifted through the rubble of buildings which had collapsed with their occupants inside. An 11-year-old boy was rescued from one razed block of flats in the port town of Ceyhan 26 hours after the quake, after rescuers were alerted by his cries for help.

Houses and shops were damaged and destroyed, minarets fell from mosques and several high-rise blocks of flats were among the ruins.

The earthquake, which measured 6.3 on the Richter scale, was felt in Cyprus and Israel. It struck just before 5pm on Saturday. Many people took to the streets in panic, hampering initial relief efforts.

Local officials say about 20 per cent of Ceyhan was badly hit, although Turkey's main oil terminal on the Mediterranean coast was not damaged. Tens of thousands of people fled Ceyhan, which suffered several aftershocks.

Officials fear the number of dead will rise, though no one knows how many people still lie trapped beneath the debris.



Hospitals in the region were inundated with hundreds of wounded, and urgent appeals were issued for blood donations. Efforts to help the injured were hindered by widespread power cuts, which also made communications difficult.

The worst destruction took place in slum areas of Adana and other towns, where buildings tend to be constructed cheaply from whatever materials come to hand. Many of Adana's poorer residents are Kurdish migrants who have fled fighting further east between Kurdish guerrillas and the Turkish armed forces.

President Suleyman Demirel and the prime minister, Mesut Yilmaz, toured the earthquake region yesterday, promising that the state would bring things back to normal as soon as possible.

Tents, blankets and food have already been provided by the Red Crescent and other humanitarian organisations.

Officials at the Nato air base at Incirlik, a few miles outside Adana, — home to both British and United States forces — said there had been slight damage to some buildings, and that 35 people affiliated to the base had suffered mild bruises and cuts.

Southern and eastern Turkey sit above the active Anatolian fault, and earthquakes are not uncommon. Nearly 500 people died after powerful tremors hit the eastern town of Erzincan in 1992.

There had been no warning of an earthquake on this scale in Adana, however. Turkish officials have been accused in the past of failing to take sufficient precautions in such a geologically unstable region.

Pope to ask forgiveness for Inquisition cruelty

The 'heretics' tortured and killed for their beliefs are to receive an apology, as the Vatican's millennial soul-searching continues. **Philip Willan** in Rome reports

THE Pope might soon add witches and heretics to the list of groups against which the Roman Catholic Church has sinned. On March 8 2000, he is to lead a penitential procession from the Basilica of Santa Sabina to Rome's Circus Maximus, and to call for forgiveness for the historic failings of the Church.

Alongside the Jews, to whom the Pope has extended his apologies, will be those who were tortured and killed for their beliefs by the Inquisition, an ecclesiastical tribunal established by Pope Gregory IX in 1233 to ferret out heretics. It was given a new lease of life in 1542 when Pope Paul III founded the the Sacred Congregation for the Universal Inquisition, later known as the Holy Office.

Among the Inquisition's most illustrious victims were Giordano Bruno, a Dominican priest and philosopher who was burned at the stake for heresy in 1600, and Girolamo Savonarola, another Dominican, who was put to death in 1498.

The record of the Inquisition, best known for the cruel excesses committed under its auspices in Spain, will come under the scrutiny of about 50 historians invited to a conference in the Vatican in October.

Those attending have been selected on the grounds of professional competence, irrespective of their faith, according to Father Georges Cottier, the Pope's personal theologian and chairman of the historical-theological commission that is helping to prepare for the great jubilee marking the millennium.

"It's not the task of the conference to rehabilitate victims of the Inquisition. If there are to be any rehabilitations, that is the responsibility of the relevant authorities of the Holy See and, in the final analysis, of the Pope," he said.

Savonarola is already well on the way to rehabilitation and even to a possible beatification. Cardinal Silvano Piovanelli of Florence has set up a committee of historians and theologians to reappraise the role of the fiery castigator of profligacy and corruption, who had the temerity to criticise Pope Alexander VI.

"His preaching was neither heretical nor scandalous, neither schismatic nor seditious. Savonarola always remained within the canons of orthodoxy," said Father Tito Centi, a committee member.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of what used to be the Holy Office and has now been rebaptised the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, supports the campaign.

"May the Lord help us to understand that the Church must not make martyrs but be a church of martyrs," he told a conference in Bologna.

Not everyone has applauded this soul-searching. "The Vatican's apology comes extremely late. This kind of admission of responsibility should have been made a very long time ago. It's one thing to ask forgiveness of the living, and quite another of the dead," said Elena Aga-Rossi, a University of L'Aquila historian.

The rat-children of Pakistan — blessed by a Sufi saint but disfigured for profit

Richard Galpin in Gujrat reports on a gruesome slave trade in new-born babies, fuelled by fear, a 300-year-old myth and religious fervour



Chuhas collect alms at Gujrat's main bus station. Deformed children are sold to a 'begging mafia' PHOTOGRAPHS: RICHARD GALPIN

'I have heard from many people that they use iron rings which are placed on the baby's head to stop it from growing'
Pirzada Imtiaz Syed, trade union leader

'They can make around $10 per day from begging, which makes it a very lucrative business considering that's twice the amount a civil servant makes'
Anusheh Hussain, child rights activist

AT THE entrance to the shrine of Shah Daula in the Punjabi city of Gujrat, a young woman sits on the edge of a chair, rocking back and forth.

At first sight she could be one of the many devotees who travel from afar to worship at the tomb of the Sufi saint. But move closer and it is clear something is wrong. The woman has a shrunken head and deep facial scars. Her hair has been shaved and she cannot speak. She is severely disabled. Move too close with a camera and she runs away.

She is one of hundreds or possibly thousands of Shah Daula's *chuhas* or rat-children. For centuries they have been associated with this shrine as part of a powerful myth that holds sway over many people in this region.

Filing past her into the shrine are dozens of worshippers, mostly women. They sit by the tomb, touch the relics placed on it and pray. They ask God to bless them with a child. These women have not been able to conceive, but according to the myth that dates back 300 years, praying here will make them fertile.

But there is a heavy price to pay: couples must promise to hand over their first-born to the shrine. The myth says the child will be born a *chuha* and if they do not give the baby up all their subsequent children will be disabled.

"God will punish anyone who does not honour this commitment," says one woman, who is praying for a son.

But the grim reality behind this tradition can be found just a few miles from Shah Daula's shrine on the streets of Gujrat, where many of the rat-children end up.

At the city's main bus station several older rat-children roam between the buses, followed closely by their owners — people who say they have bought the children to look after them.

But looking after the rat-children means using them to make money from begging. And they are extremely effective. The children nudge and slap passengers until they hand over some rupees.

Conveniently, the myth states that the rat-children have been blessed by the saint and must not be ignored.

And so the money pours in. Experts believe the rat-children command a high price in the modern-day slave trade.

"It's reported that these children are sold for anything from around $1,000 [£625] to $2,000," says Anusheh Hussain, director of Sahil, an organisation fighting child exploitation. "We've also heard that they can make around $10 per day from begging, which makes it a very lucrative business considering that's twice the amount a civil servant makes."

This has led to deep suspicion that the myth of Shah Daula was fabricated to trick people into handing over healthy babies.

One expert who interviewed several families says many parents told him their babies were normal and not deformed in any way when they gave them up.

Historical accounts make this argument more compelling: the descendants of the saint had no land on which they could depend for their livelihood and so needed to find some means of generating income.

Many therefore believe that the rat-children, far from being a natural phenomenon, are deliberately deformed by the people who take them from their parents. Once the process is complete, several years later, they are sold off or hired out as beggars.

Although there is no irrefutable evidence, experts say that medieval contraptions are used to disfigure the children. "I have heard from many people that they use iron rings which are placed on the baby's head to stop it from growing," says Pirzada Imtiaz Syed, a senior trade union leader based in Gujrat.

He estimates there are about 10,000 rat-children in Pakistan, controlled by a "begging mafia", some of whom he accuses of abusing the children physically and sexually.

All these charges are denied by those associated with the shrine.

A descendant of the saint, Dr Pir Nasiruddaula, argues that the deformity is caused by a congenital disease that occurs in other parts of the world.

But Pakistan's leading genetic scientist, Qasim Mehdi, who spent three years investigating Shah Daula's rat-children, says this is impossible. After interviewing dozens of families, he found that none of the children were related.

"For a disease to be genetically inherited you have to have the disease running in the family," says Dr Mehdi, "and our investigation shows that the rat-children come from very different families and backgrounds. If there is no blood relationship between them then it cannot be a genetic disease."

But Dr Mehdi refuses to say what he believes to be the real cause of the problem, claiming he does not want to wound religious sensitivities.

This perhaps explains why there has still not been a thorough investigation into the phenomenon.

The government says it does not know who to believe. But the minister for religious affairs, Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, hints that the children must have been deliberately deformed.

"Fifteen years ago the government took over this shrine and threw out the people who were running it," he says. "From that day until now, this business has stopped. There have not been any more of these human rats."

But although the number of rat-children has declined, the problem has not been eradicated. During one visit to the bus station in Gujrat, it was possible to find and photograph a rat-child who looked at most eight years old. When this was pointed out to the minister he promised further action.

Whether the government will take resolute action is another matter. But unless the secret of Shah Daula's shrine is finally exposed, then many more children are likely to suffer the same fate as the rat-children who are roaming the streets of Pakistan's towns and cities, exploited and abused by their owners.

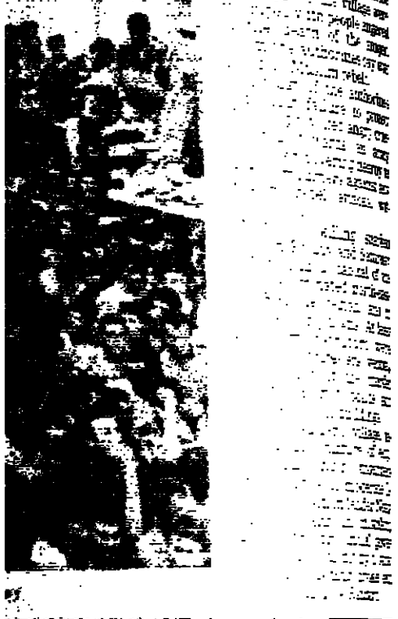
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Crowds mourn Berber singer

Abdelmalek Touati in Taourirt Moussa, Algeria

THOUSANDS of Algerian Berbers attended the funeral of a singer murdered in the region yesterday in the latest massacre to hit the country's Berber minority. Lounes Matoub, a Berber activist and singer, was shot dead in the village of Taourirt Moussa, 30 miles east of Algiers, on Saturday. He was ambushed by gunmen as he was driving his car in an area



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Honourable defeat 600 years ago spurs fight for Kosovo

The myths of a medieval battle lost to the Turks still inspire the Serbs in their quest to keep the province. **Jonathan Steele** reports from Kosovo Polje

WITH an open-air mass, a volley of shots from a Yugoslav army guard of honour and a rousing, nationalist sermon from the Orthodox bishop of Kosovo, a congregation of fewer than 200 Serbs yesterday celebrated the anniversary of the medieval battle which inspires their struggle to keep Kosovo under Serbian control.

"We pray to God to give us the strength to stay together and survive, and courage for our people and our soldiers to defend Kosovo and hand it on to our children," Bishop Artemije declared. "Whether they live in Serbia or Kosovo, the Serbian people's only wish is that Serbs remain in this area. This will help us to remain Christian people."

The crowd was far smaller than nine years ago when President Slobodan Milosevic used the sixth centenary of the battle of Kosovo Polje, the Field of Blackbirds — which the Serbs lost to the Turks — to launch his dreams of an expanding Serbia before many thousands of enthusiasts.

From the monument where he made his speech in 1989 and Bishop Artemije spoke yesterday, this year's gathering could look across the ancient battlefield to today's approaching war. The coal mine of Belasevac, where Albanian gunmen of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) brought production to a halt last week, is just three miles away. In spite of its proximity to the capital, Pristina, it remains in KLA hands.

Mr Milosevic's heavy-handed tactics in Kosovo, his refusal to share power with the ethnic Albanians and his excessive use of force to try to stamp out their demands, have created a nationwide insurgency for independence.

For most Serbs the battle of Kosovo Polje matters more as myth than history. It centres on the so-called Kosovo covenant, which justifies noble defeat. Before the battle, the Serb Prince Lazar is said to have dreamt a falcon offered him the choice of an earthly kingdom or a heavenly one. Choosing the latter, he declared: "It is better to die in battle than live in shame."

Josip Tito's wartime ally, Milovan Djilas, who became Yugoslavia's best-known dissident, once said: "Wipe away Kosovo from the Serb mind and soul and we are no more. If there had been no battle at Kosovo, the Serbs would have invented it for its suffering and heroism."

Exactly what happened on the field, and even whether the Turks really won, is a matter of dispute. While Prince Lazar was captured and allegedly executed by the Turks, the Turks also lost their leader, Sultan Murat. A Serb knight, Milos Obilic, penetrated the Ottoman defences on the morning of the battle and, making as if to pay homage to the Turkish ruler, stabbed him.

In Serb myth, Obilic was fired by false accusations from a fellow knight, Vuk Brankovic, that he was a traitor. He killed the sultan to prove his honour. The Serb who went down in legend as a traitor was Brankovic. During the battle he took his troops and left the field.

During the rise of Serbian nationalism in the 19th century, the facts that several Albanian leaders fought on the Serb side and that the sultan's forces included Christian Greeks and Bulgarians were pushed aside. Instead, the battle became an epic clash between Christians and Muslims in which the Serbian empire was destroyed.

Mr Milosevic's rise to power began almost as an accident. He was sent to the province in April 1987 as a junior Communist Party official to meet angry local Serbs who were calling for action against Albanians. Miroslav Solevic, a local Serb leader who was orchestrating the protest, had a lorry-load of stones ready to confront the police. Mr Milosevic took the crowd's side. "No one should dare to beat you," he said. His words were repeatedly shown on television and turned him into a hero.

Once he was in full power, far from defending the Serbs, his short-sighted policies heightened tensions in Kosovo and led to a gradual exodus of Serbs. The trickle is now becoming a steady flow.

Over the past few years the Serbs have tried to redress the population imbalance in Kosovo (they are outnumbered nine to one by Albanians) by enticing Serb refugees from Croatia to settle in the province. But the effort is failing. "We used to have 1,200 refugees here," said Zoran Milosevic, the mayor of Obilic, a town named after the hero of 1389. "We found them jobs. We gave them flats. But most have gone to Serbia. Every day they go."

Serb residents are sending their wives and children away — on a temporary basis for safety, they say. They complain the government is not protecting them.

"It's not easy to live here. We see no solution. The authorities are not doing their job," said Sladjan Popic. He was born in Plementina, a village near Obilic.

His wife and children left three weeks ago to stay with her sister in central Serbia. No one likes to admit they're going, as though they may be seen as latter-day traitors. "It's not comfortable talking about these issues," said Mr Popic.

Mr Solevic, the militant who organised the 1987 demonstrations, was one of the first to go. He now lives in Nis in southern Serbia.

"He's not a traitor," said a young woman at the Serb media centre in Pristina. "Just intelligent."



A Yugoslav army guard of honour fires over the battlefield at Kosovo Polje to mark the 609th anniversary of the confrontation PHOTOGRAPH: PETAR KUJUNDZIC

US officials talk to KLA

RICHARD Holbrooke, the chief United States negotiator for the crisis in Kosovo, said yesterday that leaders of ethnic Albanian rebels in the province deserve a seat at the peace table if they prove they can control the guerrillas.

Before travelling to London for talk with British officials, Mr Holbrooke, who has been in Kosovo, said US officials made their first formal contacts with Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) leaders on Friday somewhere in western Europe.

The next flashpoint could be Kijevo village, which he visited last week. He called it "the most dangerous place on the continent of Europe".

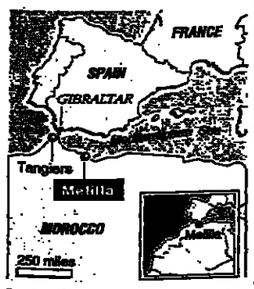
"You have an Albanian village within which are Serb families and Serb police, surrounded by Albanian checkpoints, surrounded by Serb checkpoints," he said. "Each roadblock is a tragedy waiting to happen." — *Reuters*.

Spain builds fences to stop immigrants

Adela Gooch in Madrid

SPAIN is building 10ft-high fences to stop illegal immigrants entering its North African enclave city, Melilla, and using it as a passage point to Europe.

Construction has begun on two fences along Melilla's six-mile border with Morocco,



which will create a 16ft buffer zone patrolled by Spain's paramilitary civil guard. The fences, which should be finished by the end of the year, will cost about £6 million and will be dotted with sensors, cameras and control towers.

Spain has been forced to step up immigration controls since it signed the Schengen treaty that guarantees free passage between signatory European Union countries. The new fences will replace the ragged barbed wire that did little to keep immigrants out. Melilla, with its sister city, Ceuta, attracts thousands of would-be immigrants from across Africa.

A flourishing trade has grown up showing them how to sneak under the wire and providing them with passage in planes or ships travelling to Málaga or Almería.

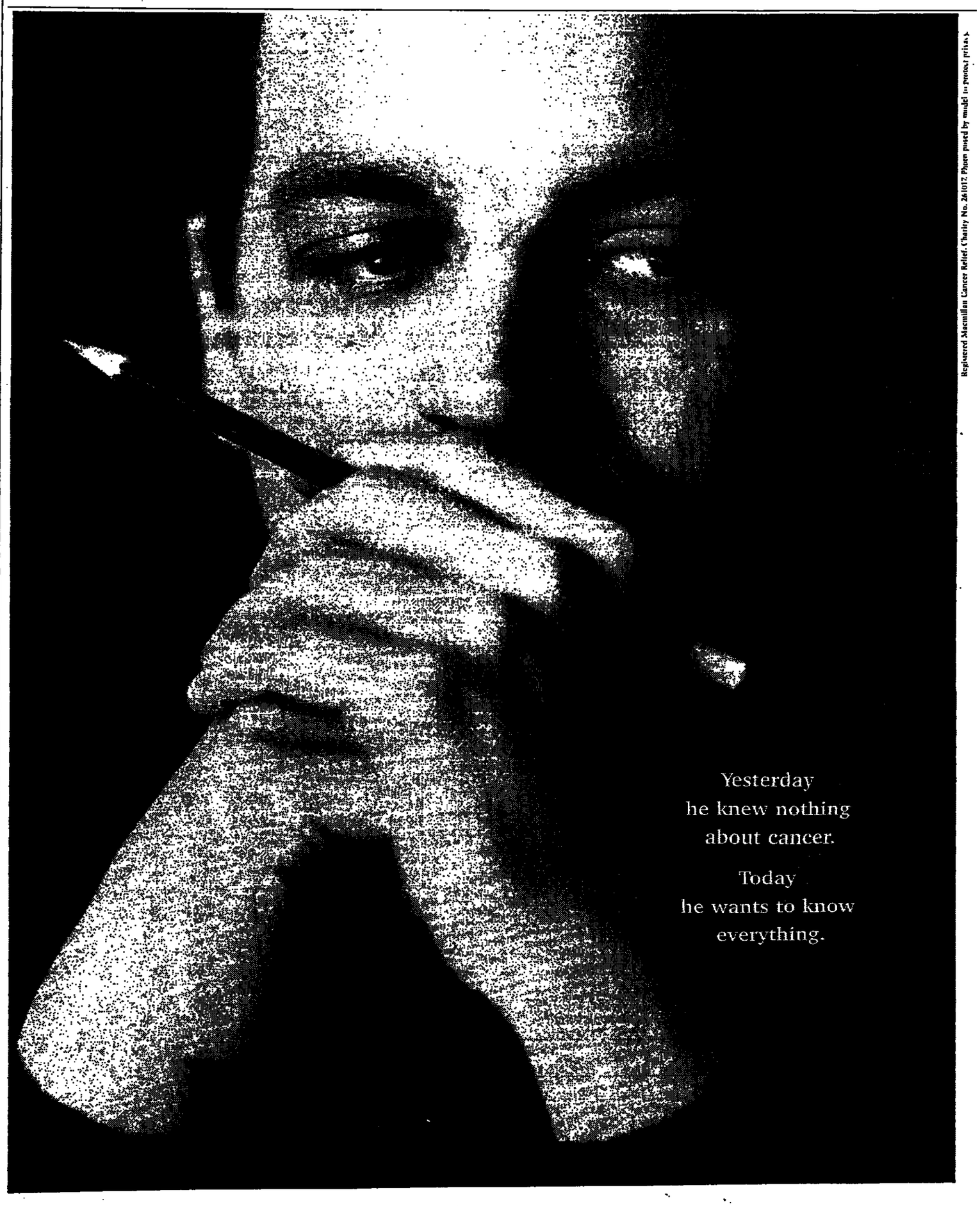
About 2,000 people are thought to have died since 1990 crossing the straits of Gibraltar, one of the most dangerous channels in the world, and 20,000 have been arrested.

The civil guard admit they are swamped by immigrants trying to make it over a stretch of water that has become Europe's Rio Grande, the river that runs along the border between Mexico and the United States.

Last year the Spanish army was deployed in Melilla to help the civil guard regain control after riots broke out among immigrants at a reception camp on the city's outskirts. The Spanish interior ministry says the new fences will allow the troops to withdraw.

The immigration issue is a frequent cause of tension with Morocco, which refuses to accept non-Moroccan immigrants deported from Ceuta and Melilla.

Morocco lays claim to both enclaves, which were established as city fortresses after the expulsion of the Moors from Spain 500 years ago.



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Protesters tail EU delegation in East Timor

John Aglionby in Jakarta

THOUSANDS of East Timorese demonstrated in the territory's capital, Dili, at the weekend, in an attempt to show a visiting troika of European Union ambassadors the extent of opposition to Indonesian rule.

On Saturday rival protesters, both pro-independence and pro-Indonesia, clashed in front of a church in Manatutu, about 40 miles east of Dili, where the funeral was taking place of a man shot by Indonesian troops earlier that day.

Soon after the clash at the funeral thousands of pro-independence demonstrators confronted troops outside the office in Dili of the Indonesian governor, Abilio Soares, who was meeting the British, Dutch and Austrian envoys inside.

The protesters, mainly students and youths, threw stones at the soldiers and smashed windows of the governor's complex. The troops fired tear-gas and charged at the protesters with wooden clubs. At least 12 people were dragged off by soldiers.

Britain's ambassador to Indonesia, Robin Christopher, said the EU delegation was in the former Portuguese colony "to assess the situation after the recent changes. We are here to do whatever we can to support the United Nations process of a dialogue".

UN-sponsored talks between Portugal and Indonesia, which invaded the territory in 1975 and annexed it the following year, have made little progress in the search for a permanent solution to the issue of the territory's sovereignty.

This month Indonesia's new president, B. J. Habibie, offered East Timor "special status", which would allow the territory to implement traditional laws alongside those imposed by Jakarta. He later offered to reduce the Indonesian military presence.

The troika also met student leaders, who voiced their demands for the withdrawal of Indonesian troops, a referendum on self-determination, and access for international human rights groups. About 5,000 people, who had followed the troika's movements all day, held a protest outside.



Thousands of East Timorese protest in Dili against Indonesian rule yesterday during a visit by EU envoys PHOTOGRAPH: SUPRI

Guyanese call march of defiance

The president says rivals are fuelling street violence, writes **Phil Gunson** in Georgetown

THE political tension and street violence of the past fortnight in this former British colony on the shoulder of South America are set to intensify today with a general strike and "march of defiance" against the government called by the opposition leader Desmond Hoyte.

The country has become increasingly polarised since elections on December 15, with Mr Hoyte's People's National Congress (PNC) refusing to recognise the sweeping victory claimed by the country's first woman president, Janet Jagan of the People's Progressive Party (PPP/Civic).

"Things don't look very good at the moment," the Chicago-born president, aged 70, told the Guardian. She did not rule out a state of emergency — or even calling for international assistance — should the situation deteriorate.

Mr Hoyte, she said, has "virtually declared war ... They have stated quite clearly that they're going to make it impossible to govern. Now they're taking to the streets to bring terror to the city."

The latest clashes began 10 days ago when dozens of protesters smashed shop windows and fought running battles with armed police, who used tear-gas and fired into the air in a repeat of post-election violence.

The windows of the predominantly East Indian-owned shops along Regent Street, in the main shopping district of the capital Georgetown, are now fitted with heavy iron shutters. The political divide has exacerbated racial tensions. The PNC's main support is Afro-Guyanese, while the PPP has traditionally been a predominantly Indo-Guyanese party.

"It's terrible," said the manager of a clothes shop, R. Singh & Sons Ltd. "Look at the way we've had to block up the front of the shop. Most people who come to shop, they can't — they're afraid."

Private sector sources say business has declined more than 30 per cent this year. Things have worsened in the past week, with more than 100 bomb threats.

A week ago part of the finance ministry burned down in what police say was an arson attack. Two Canadian advisers were injured when they jumped from windows.

Mr Hoyte, a former president, says the troubles are not directly connected to the election. But he continues to argue that the poll was marred by fraud, despite an international audit by the Caribbean Community (Caricom).

The audit commission, whose report was published at the beginning of the month, found plenty of irregularities but said the outcome of their recount "varied only marginally from that of the final results declared by the chief elections officer".

Mr Hoyte objected: "If I stuff a ballot box with 100 votes, when the box is opened those 100 votes will be found. The real question is how those votes got there." The PNC has declined to take up its seats in parliament.

The street protests, Mr Hoyte said, were spontaneous and were prompted by racial and political discrimination by the government and increasing joblessness.

"We could not allow those people to stand there and be battered, and we sympathised with them," he added.

But many PPP supporters believe Mr Hoyte's party has stoked street violence from the beginning, in an attempt to destabilise the country and force Ms Jagan from office.

As a Jewish woman from Chicago, the president can in theory stand above the racial divide. But despite her adopted Guyanese nationality and her 50-year residence, for some she remains a foreigner.

"Nobody wants somebody who's not Guyanese to run



President Janet Jagan: 'The opposition declared war'

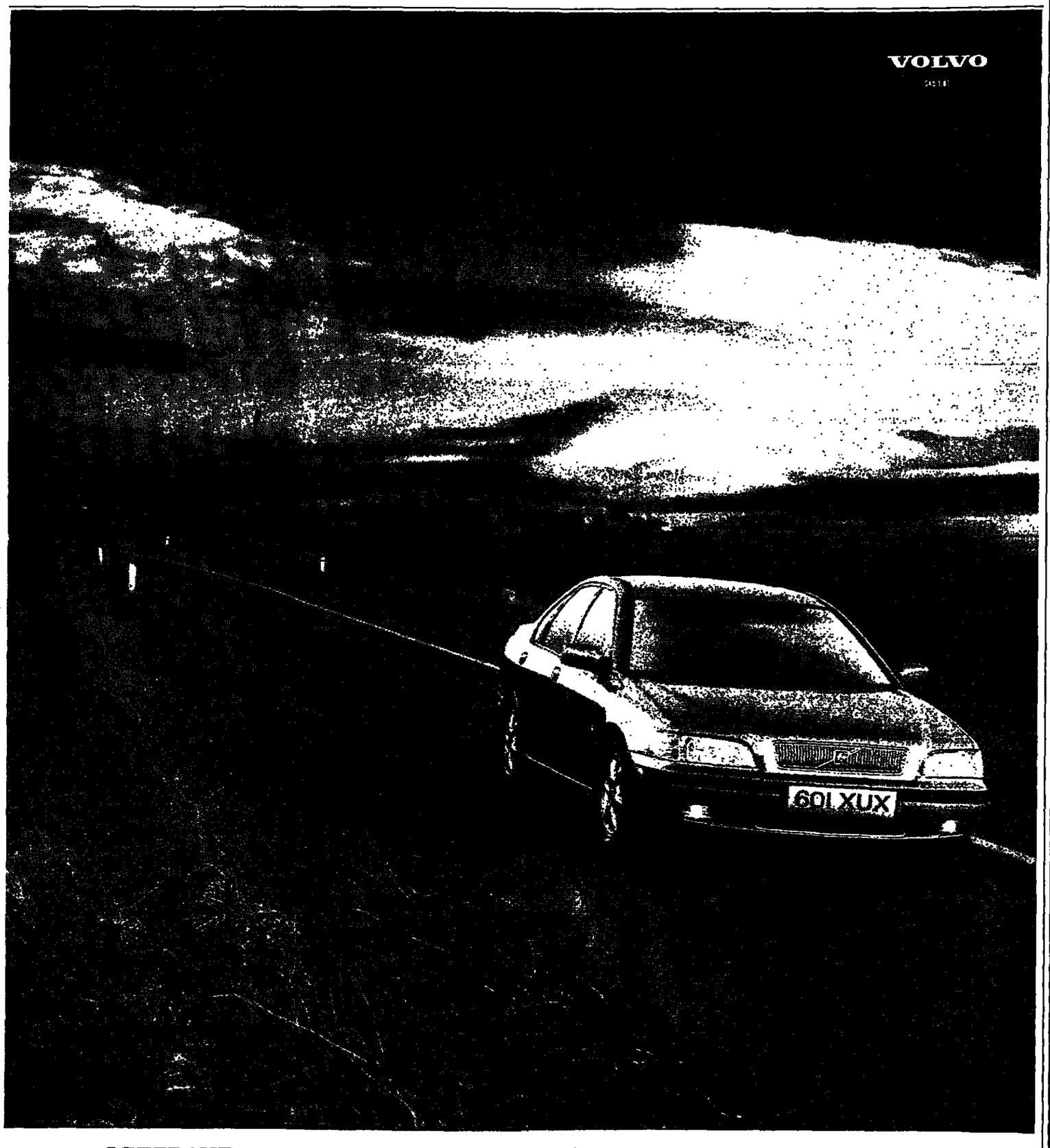
the country," said a Rastafarian street vendor. "I can't go to America and say, 'I want to run America'."

Ms Jagan owes her political career to her marriage to the late Cheddi Jagan, one of two men who dominated Guyanese politics before and after independence in 1970.

British colonial authorities and the CIA conspired to keep the Marxist Jagan from power during the cold war, and it was not until 1992 that he became president. He died in office in March 1997.

This week's protests coincide with a strike call by the 11,000-strong public service workers' union (GPSU), over wage negotiations.

The timing is unfortunate for the government. The short-term outlook, observers say, is for a deep political divide to widen still further.



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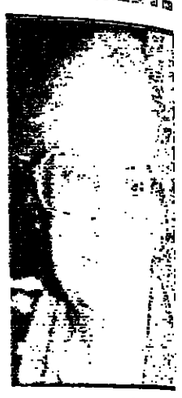
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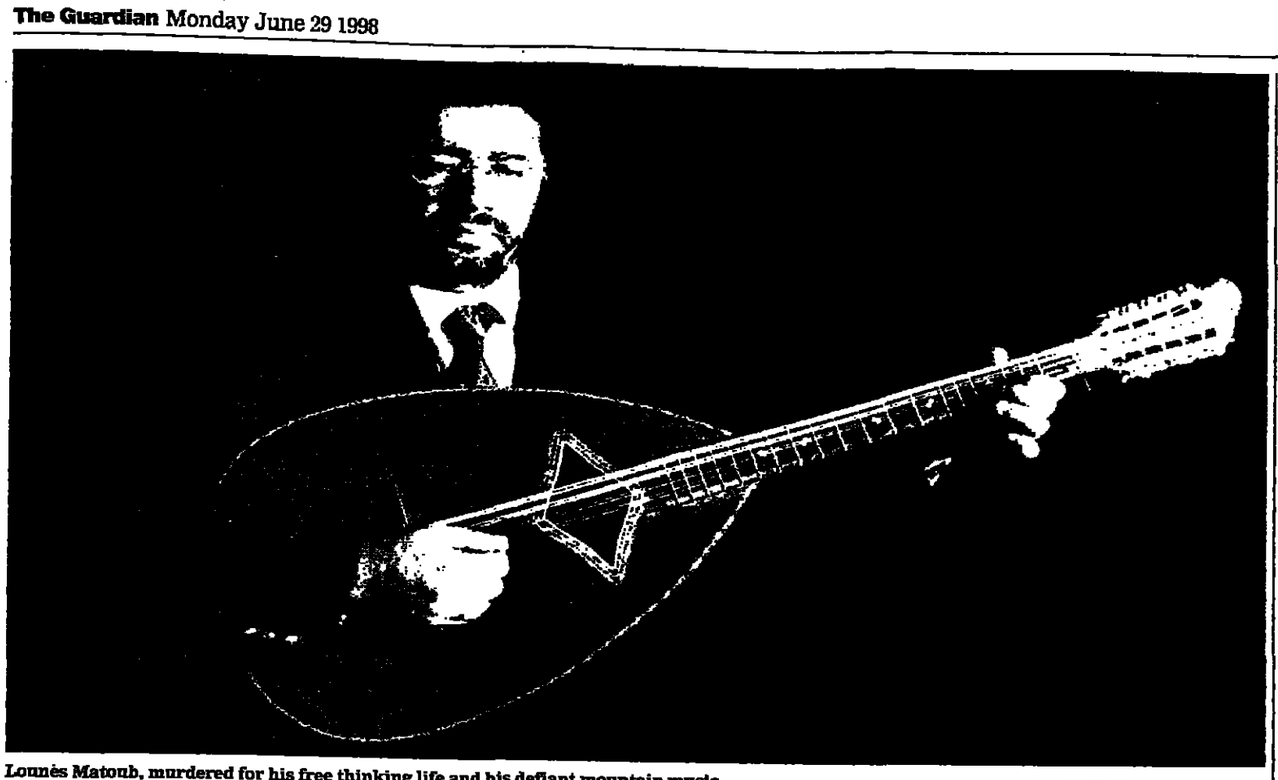
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Lounès Matoub, murdered for his free thinking life and his defiant mountain music

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Lounès Matoub

Voice of the Berbers

THE singer Lounès Matoub, who has been murdered in Algeria aged 42, was an outspoken fighter for the rehabilitation of the Berber heritage in Algeria and an opponent of Islamist groups fighting the Algerian authorities. He was killed at a bogus roadblock on the road leading to his village in Beni Douala, in the mountainous north-east Kabylie region. The attackers machine-gunned his car, and shot him with his own gun. His wife was injured. He had just returned from France after three years in exile.

Lounès devoted his life to the Berber cause. He celebrated and defended his Berber roots with his melodious voice and angry songs. With the other giant of Berber music and poetry, Lounès Aït Menguelet, Lounès Matoub gave Berber song new content, purpose and poetry — his words shaped the music and shrouded the melody, reaching the deepest emotions among the folk of the Berber mountain villages.

Three themes recurred in his songs — his mother, his language and love — often intertwined in the same song, sung with a unique breathing technique where syllables are dragged, or hammered after a hiatus, like Spanish flamenco or Afro-American blues songs. He channelled the anger and frustration of his generation, which lost its childhood during the liberation war of 1954-62, and its youth after independence. He did so as a talented singer who knew how to marry the verb and the tune in the most simple and yet effective way. Academic discourse was not his style, but his speeches at political rallies and presence at demonstrations galvanised the crowds.

He was a tireless activist in the Berber cultural movement and , in 1976, a co-founder of the Algerian Human Rights League, with current leaders of the only openly secular Algerian party, the Rally for Culture and Democracy. His artistic success would have assured him a comfortable life and official recognition had he opted for conformity and quiet co-existence with the political order. But Lounès was not destined for an easy life.

He was born in the village of Taourit Moussa in the Djurdjura mountains of Kabylie. He spent his childhood with his mother and young sister, Malika, while his father, typically, was working in France. This meant that the young Lounès became the head of the family according to tradition. His mother, who worked hard on the family land, and occasionally on the land of others to supplement the meagre money her husband sent every month, had a huge influence on him. She was very loving and protecting: his wishes were her commands. He was her hope for better days. Children, and boys in particular, have always been an investment for the future for Kabylie women, compensating for a lost youth and a loveless marriage.

Lounès's mother awakened his natural gift for music and singing. As a child, he listened to her and other women singing while working in the fields or preparing the daily conscous. He accompanied her to village weddings and parties where she was in demand to lead the traditional choral singing.

Until his father gave him a brand new mandolin when he returned from France in 1972 (which he lost to his cousin in a game of poker), Lounès played on a guitar he had made himself from an oil can, a piece of wood, and fishing line for strings. When he went to France in 1978, his career took off; he recorded and gave concerts. With his albums now available in Algeria, his popularity was assured.

Lounès's rebellious streak had showed itself at the age of five when, with a gang of friends, he set fire to an abandoned village hut. Later, when on trial for stabbing a man in a fight, he was sent to prison for being cheeky to a magistrate. Lounès's hot temper and his understanding of the old Berber code of honour often landed him in trouble, but he was never a man who would infringe on the freedom of others or remain passive in the face of injustice.

He had cheated death twice before that fatal roadblock. The first time was in 1988 when a *gendarme* shot at him when he refused to stop his car on the way from Algiers to Kabylie to distribute pamphlets for the Berber cultural movement. The attack left him physically and mentally damaged. But he eventually recovered, determined as ever to continue his career, producing the best of his work. Then he was kidnapped by an armed Islamist group in September, 1994. After a two-week ordeal during which his execution was simulated several times, he was released. He had been been forced to record his "confession" and promise never to sing or attack religion again.

For all his talent and popularity as a singer, Lounès was cold-shouldered by national radio and television, although his scathing lyrics equally attacked both the authorities and the Islamists.

The last time Lounès Matoub sang was earlier this month in a Paris street to a friend, who begged him to sing her one of her favourite songs. He obliged with nostalgia for his "black soil", as his birthplace is commonly known. To his "black soil" he is now returned forever.

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Lounès Matoub, singer, born January 24, 1956; died June 25, 1998

Ronnie Campbell

A love for medicine right from the heart

Professor Ronnie Campbell, president of the British Cardiac Society and one of the world's experts on sudden cardiac death, has himself died suddenly from a heart attack, aged only 51.

Ronnie (he insisted on the informality) was fascinated by electronics and cardiology and came into medicine when these two interests could be welded into the science of electrophysiology.

He was never happier than when he could apply his intellect to solving a problem for an individual patient, exemplified early in his career when the livelihood of an actor friend was in peril because a clicking artificial heart valve played havoc with the microphone on his chest. Ronnie came up with an ingenious solution.

Born in Stirling, Ronnie went to the University of Edinburgh to study medicine, remaining there for early training in cardiology. Then, deciding that disorders of heart rhythm (arrhythmias) were the most promising and exciting area of research, he chose to train at Duke University in North Carolina (then the mecca of electrophysiology) on a Medical Research Council Fellowship.

Returning to Britain after a very productive year, he joined the newly-created cardiology department at the University of Newcastle and set about questioning one of the shibboleths of the day. It was believed that one could predict and prevent ventricular fibrillation — the major cause of death in a heart attack — by detecting and treating lesser "warning" arrhythmias. By meticulously scrutinising electrocardiographic recordings, Ronnie showed that this was wrong, and helped to start a major change in the management of heart attacks.

He soon became an authority on the new anti-arrhythmic drugs. As these proved ineffective and hazardous, he started, with surgical colleagues, research into the surgical treatment of heart rhythm disorders. The group achieved considerable success, one result of which was that they were honoured as the "medicine team of the year" by the local television station. They shared the platform with Dire Straits, a group he greatly admired.



Campbell...sense of fun

Although his research work was distinguished (he became the British Heart Foundation's professor of cardiology at Newcastle in 1986), it will be for his brilliant teaching and unique sense of fun that he will be remembered. His lectures always appeared fresh, and his clarity and humour made him an internationally admired speaker. He was a master of the telling analogy, but disdained the traditional funny story and drew much of his inspiration from everyday life. His own exploits were never short of the extraordinary — as a flying doctor in northern Canada in a blizzard, he had to transport a woman in labour in an aeroplane flown by an inexperienced pilot. The undercarriage was torn off by a tree as they took off.

He was always an outstanding and very caring physician who established an exceptional rapport with his patients.

He was president of the medical students' society at Newcastle in the early 1990s and as a brilliant photographer and video editor, he crowned his term by producing a satirical exposé of criteria for medical school entry. Interviews with senior figures were mercilessly cut and pasted, and the film ended with the medical-school porter gaining entry at the third interview attempt after finally articulating the buzzword of the day, "integrated curriculum", in broad Geordie.

Ronnie had a very private side. His few close friendships were closely guarded, and despite a hectic professional schedule he always found time for his devoted wife Agnes and daughter Xanthe. He was fascinated by astronomy, music of all kinds, wine and food. Over the last 10 years, he channelled much of his private energy into the conversion of a sandstone Quaker meeting house in Cumbria into a second home — Dun Quakin'.

Desmond Julian and Graham Bird

Ronnie William Fearnley Campbell, cardiologist, born October 11, 1946; died June 13, 1998

A Country Diary

ISLE OF MULL: Two soaring golden eagles made us stop and watch. But majestic as these birds are, our focus was on a creature even more impressive, a white-tailed sea eagle, which has a total span of over seven feet. As if to express resentment, the golden eagles drove their rival from the skies in a tumbling joust that lasted quarter of an hour. It was an awe-inspiring contest, although the two species are not serious rivals. The sea eagle feeds on fish, carrion and birds, while the golden eagle's prey is largely mammalian. The more interesting relationship is that between humans and sea eagles, which has oscillated between reverence and bitter antagonism. In Orkney during the neolithic period, sea eagles were sacrificed during the burial of important members of the community. However, a subsequent dark (almost certainly false) reputation for preying on children led to the bird's habitual persecution. In the 19th century they were shot so that their stuffed carcasses could form spectacular displays in Victorian drawing rooms. Or they were slaughtered for their presumed killing of Highland lambs. In the 1970s the old Nature Conservancy Council, based on the isle of Rhum, initiated a reintroduction programme that involved the release of 82 Norwegian birds: more than 10 pairs now nest on Scotland's north-west coast. Yet it is sad to see how the old attitudes die hard: this year two eyries on Mull were robbed by egg collectors.

MARK COCKER

William Abrahams

Orwell's great explainer

WILLIAM Abrahams, who has died aged 79, was a legendary American editor, publisher and cultural historian.

The son of a Boston lawyer, Abrahams graduated from Harvard in 1941, and served in the United States Army, 1942-45, as a military policeman in Miami. Contemporaries such as James Jones, Norman Mailer, Gore Vidal and William Styron turned their wartime experiences into first novels, but Abrahams had only the stateside army and relations with civilian life as his subject.

His first novel, *Interval in Carolina* (1945), was praised for its spare, ironic style. It was followed by two further books before Abrahams rightly concluded that novels by and about sensitive intellectuals did not have much of a profile in the brash fifties literary scene.

Abrahams found his true calling as an editor at the Atlantic Monthly Press (1955-77). In 1965, he succeeded Richard Poirier as editor of the annual volumes of the O Henry short story awards. The great days of the short story were long over when Abrahams began his search for worthwhile work, but his eye for quality steadily raised interest in the form and gave encouragement to a generation of younger writers. He remained editor of the O Henry volumes until 1996.

Abrahams began his lifelong companionship with the historian Peter Stansky in the sixties. They planned a collaborative study of the generation of English writers shaped by the thirties. Their intention to focus upon a group of writers proved unwieldly, but they eventually produced three important studies of literature and politics in the period. The first, *Journey to the Frontier* (1966), was an innovative dual biography of the English poets Julian Bell and John Cornford, and the paths which led them to the Spanish Givil war and their premature deaths. Their projected study of Orwell appeared in two highly praised volumes: *The Unknown Orwell* (1972) and *Orwell: The Transformation* (1979).

They sought to answer two questions: how did Orwell become a writer and why did he become a political writer? Both were addressed in Bernard Crick's official biography of 1980, but the subtlety of Stansky's and Abraham's portraiture, and their skills at interpreting the relations of literature to politics, make their volumes of enduring value. The first was praised by V S Pritchett for the delicacy and sensitivity to "the halftones of English life".

The second Stansky-Abrahams volume on Orwell competed the original project. After Crick's biography, there was little temptation to end the story of Orwell's life, but in 1994 they published *London's Burning: Life, Death and Art in the Second World War*, a three-part biographical study of the relations between war and art, focusing on Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes*, Humphrey Jennings's *Fires Were Started* and Henry Moore's shelter drawings.

When Stansky was appointed to a job at Stanford in 1968, Abrahams moved to California, becoming "senior editor west coast" of Holt, Rinehart and Winston. He achieved his own imprint with the publishers E P Dutton in 1984, and created one of the finest "literary" lists in American publishing.

This included work as idiosyncratic as Millicent Dillon's dual biography of Isadora Duncan and Mary Cassatt, and Fiona MacCarthy's biography of Eric Gill. Thomas Flanagan, Gordon Lish, Joyce Carol Oates, Irvin Faust, Diane Johnson and Brian Moore were among those he published. Abrahams' considerable personal charm and great editing gifts inspired devoted loyalty.

Eric Homberger

William Miller Abrahams, publisher and historian, born January 23, 1919; died June 2, 1998

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

IN OUR report of the Panorama interview with Louise Woodward, on page 6 of early editions on June 23, we said, "... she questioned the role of Matthew's parents, Sunil and Deborah, saying 'If the parents didn't do it, who did?'" This gave the wrong impression, corrected in later editions, that Louise Woodward had spoken accusatorially of the Eappens. A transcript of the interview clearly shows that she was describing what she felt to be the general feeling held by a section of the public at the time. "...there was the whole feeling that somebody has to pay. And that somebody had to be me."

IN OUR preview of the C4 programme Countryside Undercover: The Follow-Up, page 28, G2, June 25, we said that the closure of Huntingdon Life Sciences Institute [sic] soon after the transmission of a film exposing cruelty to animals there, showed how television could be a catalyst for changes in attitude etc. Huntingdon Life Sciences say that their establishment did not close at any time, for any period, before or after the documentary. Its certificate to work under the 1986 Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act was suspended for a brief period, but renewed after investigations. It continues to operate with the full knowledge and licence of the Government.

IN A REPORT headed, New smart phones, the pocket office, page 6, June 25, we referred to Microsoft's Windows CE system, "which has been adapted from larger computer software packages ..." This is wrong. Windows CE is a new and different operating system. It has not been adapted from another version of Windows, such as Windows 95/98 or NT.

IN A short review of Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, Page 30, Friday Review, June 26, we said that the killers of the Cutter family ended in "Kansas City at the electric chair". In fact, the two murderers were hanged in the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing, Leavenworth County.

A CAPTION to a picture illustrating a jazz review, Page 18, G2, June 26, said the jazz musician Charles Mingus died in 1991. He died in 1979.

TRAINSPOTTING: an article on the Consumer pages, Page 22 and 23, G2, June 26, which was largely about Le Shuttle, was illustrated with a picture of Eurostar.

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Birthdays

Ian Bannen, actor, 70; **Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands**, 87; **Charlotte Bingham**, novelist and playwright, 56; **Dr Jeremy Bray**, former Labour MP, 68; **Amanda Donohoe**, actress, 36; **Clare Frankl**, architect, hon secretary, RIBA, 50; **Sally Greengross**, director of Age Concern for England, 63; **Sir Rex Hunt**, former governor of the Falkland Islands, 72; **Paul Jarvis**, cricketer, 33; **Prof Martin Jones**, archaeologist, 47; **Michael McIntyre**, yachtsman, 42; **Anne-Sophie Mutter**, violinist, 35; **Linda Perham**, Labour MP, 51; **Usha Kumari Prashar**, chair of the New Refugee Unit, 50; **Nancy Sandars**, archaeologist, 84.

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TURKISH bureaucrats are renowned for their ability to split hairs, but things are getting out of hand. A national institution is under threat as the knives, and the razors, come out for the moustache.

It may be an emblem of Turkish manhood but the moustache is becoming a hard habit to sustain these days, as Turkey's very own version of political correctness moves into high gear. Strict secular dress codes, designed to quell any rise in Islamic sentiment, have been extended to cover the lips and chin.

Civil servants have been issued with clear instructions about the type of moustache they're allowed to sport. A recent directive sent to government offices specifies the exact length and shape of the bureaucratic brush — it has to be clipped straight, and it must end above the upper lip.

That is a serious affront to any discerning Turk. The size and style of what you have sitting beneath your nose says a lot more about you than most outsiders might think, because you don't wear your politics on your sleeve here. There's no need — it's slap bang in the middle of your face. Take the full-grown moustache, for example, with down-turned ends at the corner of the mouth. The owner is definitely a rightwing nationalist.

Then there's the classic small brush moustache. It designates a follower of political Islam, like the former Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, who's now been banned from politics. The longer moustache, drooping over the upper lip to touch the lower one, is a sure sign of an old-fashioned leftist. In the late 1970s radical students went further, wearing an "M" shaped moustache with "L" shaped sideburns, to declare their allegiance to Marx and Lenin.

There's even an urban moustache — "Istanbul-style" — which barely touches in the middle, while twirly ends are usually a mark of nostalgia, and a yearning for the Ottoman past.

***IF civil servants think* they're being given a tough time by the hair police, spare a thought for Turkey's university students. From next year *they'll be forbidden from* growing a beard altogether. It's just too Islamic. For some long-standing aficionados, it's all a shame. Sitting in an Ankara barber shop, *Hasan Yildirim's* walrus-like left-wing moustache bristled with indignation. "You can always tell a man's connections by his moustache," he said. "It's part of our tradition. Now the state is trying to take that right away from us too. It's ridiculous." It may also be a losing battle. A recent survey declares that the number of moustache-wearing Turkish men has plummeted in the past 10 years, from 77 per cent to a paltry 63. When it comes to the prickly subject of the Turkish top lip, it may soon be a case of hair today, gone tomorrow.**



Come out of your tent, Mr Blair. The enemy is already at the gate

Polly Toynbee



THE BRITISH Presidency of the European Union ends at midnight tomorrow. Those who thought this would mark the belated start of a grand campaign to win British hearts and minds for the single European currency have had their hopes dashed. We are almost exactly where we were — waiting for Tony.

The army is ready, the captains of industry have rallied their cavalry, the unions have girded up their footsoldiers. With Major Giles Radice in the lead, virtually all Labour backbenchers stand with their pikes at the ready. But still the commander-in-chief will give no order to attack. While he hesitates, the enemy *skirmishes, picking off prizes* and revelling in the tide of public opinion that remains on their side. This is a battle that can't be won until the Government leads the charge. *But Tony Blair stays in his* tent, hoping the euro's launch will create an economic climate that makes entry inevitable, so saving him from the need to fight. There is plenty of time yet, he reasons, *hoping* industry will make such a rousing case they alone can carry the day and win over the public.

But the latest Mori poll shows only a third of the people in favour of joining, with well over a half against. That is a sizeable opposition to conquer. Some independent warriors are out there on their own — Paddy Ashdown, Kenneth Clarke somewhat, Adair Turner of the CBI and John Monks of the TUC. But otherwise the Sun, most of the rest of the press, and the usual rag-bag host of sceptics have the field to themselves.

The Treasury has a discreet little campaign called Get Ready for the Euro, with fact sheets, a web site, a helpline and seminars. The Treasury worries British industry has no idea what's about to hit it. But how could companies know? Most of what they read in the press has told them that (a) the euro won't happen, (b) it'll be delayed by years and (c) it's bound to implode, so why worry? A recent Treasury survey of 1,300 small and medium-sized firms (employing most of the nation's workforce) produced these alarming results: only 11 per cent know the euro is launching in six months' time, and only 5 per cent have made any preparation.

In an ordinary supermarket in rural France a week ago, I found all prices marked in both francs and euros, already. Well, we aren't in it, so what does it matter? A lot. *The Commons Treasury Committee* took evidence recently from large companies including British Steel, Siemens, ICI and Marks and Spencer, who said they'd be trading in Euros not only abroad but also at home. They'd be asking their British suppliers to bill them in Euros. Vauxhall cars' latest pay deal with their workforce is actually *linked to the Euro exchange* rate.

So why is the Treasury's Get Ready for the Euro campaign so well hidden from public view? The Chancellor revealed that it's costing £6.4 million. I asked a Treasury spokesman if they were considering going genuinely public. Yes, he said cautiously, they were discussing the possibility of newspaper advertisements. What would the slogan be? Oh, nothing so definite as a slogan. Would it spell out the merits of the case for the euro? "Oh no!" He was shocked. "Not at all." It would merely provide business information.

So that leaves the weak non-governmental pro-Euro lobby to carry the whole weight alone. But so far these campaigners are severely handicapped by one of their chief virtues — they tell the truth. They say it's a matter of a balance of probabilities. The chances are that being out will be a disaster and being in will be a long term bonus. But they admit the outcome it still not entirely knowable, only highly probable. It's likely that our exchange rates will fluctuate wildly as speculators play ping-pong with sterling after the euro is launched. It's likely it will be a phenomenal success from which we shall *rapidly regret exclusion. But* no one can know for certain.

THIS, alas, is not the language of political warfare, no match for the army of sceptics waving their banners of gut nationalism and British sovereignty. Pro-EMU sophistication doesn't begin to connect with the raucous and mendacious certainties of the little islanders, the xenophobes and the fantasists who think we can stand alone against the bloc with which we do 60 per cent of our trade.

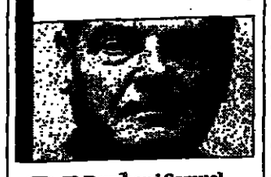
Blair waits for business, but business protests that politics is not their job. Some have raised their voices in support of EMU but the CBI admits public advocacy is not in the British business culture. I was recently at a lunch for pro-EMU industrialists and challenged them to stand up and fight more vigorously for what they all regarded as the vital national interest. But they are reluctant to take an overtly political stand, afraid of their shareholders and fellow board members who may not agree. Some of them said indignantly that leadership is what politicians are paid for. In France, Germany or Italy industrialists expect to take their proper place in public debate — but not in Britain. And so they wait for Tony Blair, while he waits for them to do his job for him.

Industry funds the European Movement, the all-party group whose leaders include Neil Kinnock, Kenneth Clarke and Roy Jenkins — but they have so far given far too little money, not nearly enough to mount the poster and newspaper campaigns needed. Meanwhile the puny *anti-European Business for* Sterling group just launched, has raised more money already from a just handful of maverick Euro-sceptics.

Last week pro-Euros celebrated *the Sun's pre-emptive* strike, hoping it would end Tony Blair's vacillation. Until now, some have given Blair the benefit of the doubt: maybe his softly-softly approach would land Murdoch in the end. Now it hasn't, what's he waiting for? The euro's success will make joining before the next election essential. It's no time to play politics. But how can there be an early referendum when no one has persuaded the public? This is a deadlock that has to be broken now. The pro-Europeans must learn to speak in vigorous, coarse slogans. Blair must now come out of his tent to sound the attack.

Is this it, lads?

Peter Preston



SIR Bernhard Samuelson, of course, is absolutely *right*. English education is slipping potentially fatally behind our European competitors. We must — like the Germans — get more local money into schools. And we've got to get private business involved, following the lead of companies like Mather and Platt in Salford or Denny's in Dumbarton. Modern managers can *bring* their "practical *skills*" *to bear on the* falling world of "theoretical instruction".

Action — or at least "action zones" — this day. David Blunkett knows that the "traditional solutions" aren't working. Stephen Byers, at last, sees a "fundamental challenge to the educational status quo". Bring on the present and future "leaders of industry". New Labour is on the move.

Hang about a bit, though. Sir Bernhard who? Action which day?

The recommendations — and the quotes — are from the Samuelson Royal Commission of 1882. The saintly Bernhard (1820-1905) loved Gladstone, not Tony Blair. Mr Blunkett and Byers weren't twinkles in their great grandmothers' eyes when he and Henry Enfield Roscoe FRS, Swire Smith and John Slagg were writing their report.

If you've a long and retentive memory for wheezes that didn't work, you'll remember Harold Wilson's "educational priority areas" from 1967. Whatever happened to them? But new ministers in new governments have no such memory, nor any moment to read the history books either. They believe that Something Must Be Done, and that therefore something can be done.

***The 25 action zones* — introducing some 480 schools to the wonders of partners like American Express, Tesco and Newcastle Football Club — are Something to be sure. But when Mr Byers talks about challenges to the status quo, you blush for his blithe ignorance. For if this scheme is about anything, if it is seriously believed in, seriously advanced, then the status quo with relevance attached is the education non-system of a century ago. Arthur Balfour would be rolling in bitter mirth.**

Remember (because it's crucial) where English education came from. Not top down, in the Napoleonic mode, but bottom up. The churches and the Charity Commissioners and local worthies got together with a mish-mash of different men in Whitehall and operated through a series of school boards. There was no ministry of education before 1944.

What's the record of success since that happy day 54 years ago when the predecessors of David Blunkett clamped their hands on the levers of power?

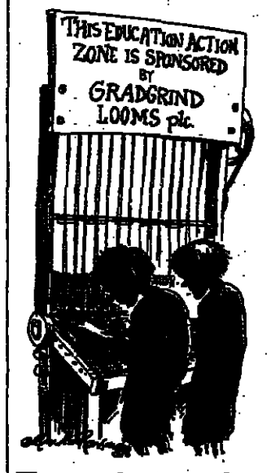
- **We have brought in the 11 plus as an (Attlee-lauded) mechanism for fairness and opportunity in society. Then abolished it.**
- **We have instituted a theoretically uniform system of comprehensive education to equalise the aforementioned fairness and opportunity. Then begun to dismantle it.**
- **We have spent decades seeking ways to diminish or abolish the public schools, to turn their grounds and facilities over to local education authorities: then given up. (Incorporating the European *Convention on Human Rights* into British law is — all unmentioned — the last act of that particular drama).**
- **We have spent uncounted billions developing teacher training colleges, then pulled the plug and turned classroom practical again.**
- **We have produced a splendid expansion of higher education, *then decided* we can't afford it.**
- **We have — now within politicians' living memory — sought to raise standards for all through the rolling demands of a proper national curriculum, publishing results, naming and shaming, prescribing best practice and outlawing teaching methods frowned on by the Warrior Woodhead. Then (which is the ultimate hilarity of the "action zones") cancelled our last pronouncement.**

When the eager and otherwise intelligent Byers talks about his zones as a "real threat to the vested interests which have held back our education system for far too long", who on earth is he promising to cut down to size? The local education authorities who were Labour's chosen instrument of governance until 15 seconds ago. The teachers whom he's otherwise desperately anxious to recruit? The chaps in his own ministry who look after policy?

But the thrust is even deeper than that. If the "forums" which run the zones — the businessmen, teachers, LEA officials and parents — find the national curriculum doesn't fit their plans, they can set it to one side. If (presumably) they get the chance to hire Molly Hattersley's dream team of mixed-ability teachers and that method works for them, in their schools, they can tell Chris *Woodhead to take a jump*. The "traditional solutions" Mr Blunkett doesn't think are working from Wigan to Weston-Super-Mare are the solutions he'll insist upon in *Warrington and Bristol just down* the road. Received wisdom stops when you hit Lambeth.

The logic is inescapable. If the action zones from Shell and Kellogg's and North-West Water, the men in suits *at* the forum table, actually help rescue the first 482 struggling schools by tearing up the rule books and shredding the conventional wisdom, then where — in the name of *sanity or* Bernhard Samuelson — are the arguments for restricting this "experiment"?

And so the great circle is finally complete. Nearly 114 years after Slagg and Roscoe and the rest signed their chairman's report, we are back to where the journey of the century began: to school boards with the power to do things their way, whatever Westminster says; to the autonomy of *two fingers politely raised*; to the Salford where Barclays Bank and John Laing Construction play Mather and Platt.



The confectors of super-wheezes have had their finest hour

Logic, of course, is one thing — and *what actually happens* quite another. I wouldn't, for a second, expect the zones to blossom in triumph. Their European and American clones portend no such victory. *The thought that the* National Theatre can help Lambeth run its most difficult schools better is tragedy masquerading as farce. The prospect of McDonalds rescuing Weston-super-Mare is a cold cheeseburger. A government which otherwise excoriates needless bureaucracy has invented a stable full of pantomime horses. The ghost of Harold Wilson grimaces from a nearby cloud.

But that doesn't mean that the week of the action men has been wasted. Absolutely not. It means that the doers of Something, the merchants of instant answers, the confectors of super-wheezes have had their finest hour — the ultimate hour of political authority. Have we toiled for 100 years to find the magic key to education? Is this it, lads?

Endpiece: Not cricket

Roy Hattersley



FOR an Australian who took American citizenship in order to buy a United States television company, Rupert Murdoch manages to impose himself on *British society with depressing* regularity. On Tuesday he was photographed having a chummy chat with the Prime Minister. Next day the Sun — the regular vehicle for his prejudices and desperately in need of a circulation boost — attacked Tony Blair in such childish language that discerning paper-boys must have been embarrassed to push it through letter boxes. Then, on Thursday, the trial of a man who had been charged with terrorist murder was abandoned because the same paper — having patriotically tried to save the pound from absorption into a single European currency — had prejudiced the prospect of a fair trial by boasting about its contribution to the arrest.

All in all, it was an eventful 72 hours for the media mogul who supported Harold Wilson before he lost, Ted Heath after he won, Margaret Thatcher when she seemed invincible, John Major while he led in the opinion polls and Tony Blair as soon as his landslide victory was secure. But his greatest triumph came at the end of the week when Chris Smith, Secretary of State for *Culture, Media and Sport*, announced that television coverage of test matches would be made available to the highest bidder.

That, said the cynics, is another victory for Rupert Murdoch — a further favour to be added to the price that Labour pays to keep the Sun on its side.

I have my doubts. Test cricket was not removed from the A-list of protected broadcasts — which the BBC has an automatic right to screen — because Murdoch demanded the right to expand his empire, but as the result of constant pleading by the cricket authorities — who now seem to operate the game in the style and spirit of a down-market grocery chain. For years they have been whining, under their stiff upper lips, about the iniquity of being denied Sky gold. The breathless hush in the close tonight will be interrupted by the sound of money being counted. The new motto is Pay up! Pay up! And film the game!

But Mr Murdoch's domination of cricket — which may well result in narrower bats, *wider wickets and bumpier* pitches to make matches more exciting — is a side issue.

The important news from News International is that Mr Murdoch chose to issue a warning to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Behave or else!

***Politicians' speeches should* not be treated like the dead sea scrolls and examined as if every adverb is pregnant with meaning. It was in that spirit that I read the Prime Minister's Wednesday response to questions about Rupert Murdoch's repudiation of his policy on a European single currency. No matter how hard I tried, I could not detect any significant shift from his previous position. Wednesday's gibberish about waiting to see if entering EMU works to Britain's advantage was no different from the gibberish of a year ago.**

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I assume that, being an intelligent man, Tony Blair intends to make Britain a member *soon after the next* general election — and that he is gently smoothing the path. Sensible as that strategy may be in terms of European policy, it may not be a good tactic for Tony Blair personally — a man who so values his reputation that he often demands "trust me" as an alternative to describing the details of a policy proposal. The British people do not like the idea that their Prime Minister can be bullied. And they certainly do not like Rupert Murdoch.

No doubt Alastair Campbell and Peter Mandelson are arguing that Labour cannot afford to lose the Sun's support. But then, Mr Mandelson recently assured us that Mr Murdoch was becoming a convert to the single currency. Somebody ought to calculate *how many votes are to* be won by reminding Mr Murdoch who runs Britain.

The crass stupidity of last Wednesday's Sun front page — a picture of Tony Blair and the question "Is this the Most Dangerous Man in Britain?" — provides the perfect opportunity for a little lofty disdain.

No intelligent person could imagine that the Prime Minister was either hurt or worried by such mindless nonsense. And thousands, perhaps millions, of Labour supporters are longing for a sign that the leader of their Party is not in Rupert Murdoch's pocket. The time has come to make their dreams come true.

Tony Blair has nothing to lose. The policy of Mr Murdoch's paper will not be radically changed by rebuke and rebuff. The Sun is Labour simply because its readers would regard anything else as ridiculous. It is not the Sun that made Labour popular. The Sun became Labour because of the party's popularity. And it will remain Labour for as long as Tony Blair is riding high in the opinion polls. He is more *likely to retain* that happy status by standing up to Rupert Murdoch than by smiling and waiting to be hit again.

Thanks to the Sun, it is easy to construct the appropriate response to Mr Murdoch's next request for a Downing Street meeting or the Prime Minister's intervention with an intransigent European government. "Up yours, Rupert."

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'I accept that I am called Steve, am not a woman, and obtain commercial funding'
Steve Jones, Letters

The door in China's wall

But deeds come first

NEVER before has a summit been made to succeed so swiftly. At ten o'clock on Saturday morning Bill Clinton was reviewing the Chinese People's Liberation Army in Tiananmen Square. At midday his summit with Jiang Zemin was already over, and the two presidents began a joint press conference. By the afternoon the White House was hailing "an extraordinary day in the evolution of US-China relations". By the evening Bill and Zemin were hamming it up at the state dinner with a baton and the PLA band.

Both sides have a vested interest in being seen to succeed. By making two crucial last minute concessions, Mr Jiang has helped Mr Clinton to confound his critics — those in China are less vocal but may still need attention. Beijing only agreed in the final days to the mutual "detargeting" of nuclear weapons. And the Chinese decision to broadcast live on national TV the joint press conference — in which Mr Clinton condemned the Beijing Massacre — was a surprise till the very end. The Americans are claiming a historic breakthrough with "substantial results which will make life more secure". The Chinese talk more cautiously of "a new stage of development" and mention unresolved questions about US Taiwan policy. But both sides appear to share the same long-term strategic view. Mr Clinton talks of two great nations setting an example to the world. Mr Jiang says that no force on earth can hold back their new relationship. Their joint vision of a new "partnership" for the 21st century seems to be held quite genuinely: these are presidents who want to change the world.

It is obviously better for everyone if the US and China get on well: the alternative not so long ago was a two-decade-long disaster for Asia which threatened world peace. But it would be sensible to stand back and make a cool assessment of what has been achieved, and at what price. Britain has a need to sum it up carefully in planning Tony Blair's visit for October. China's neighbours need to form a clear picture before welcoming the new partnership — or becoming alarmed by it. There are more than two powers in the Pacific. And the whole world may reflect on the implications of strategic *entente*, if it should become reality, between the most powerful country and the most populous one.

It will take time to see the results. The White House was quick to issue a bumper factsheet: this scoops up everything from significant commitments on non-proliferation to a worthy but minor agreement to conduct a "sand table seminar" on bilateral humanitarian aid. Trade relations come a long way down the list yet this till recently was billed as one of the top concerns: the WTO negotiations next month could cause a bump. China's emphasis on Taiwan suggests that this too is tricky unfinished business. There is also a lurking danger in the negative feelings overlaid by this new euphoria — US impatience with the Chinese, and Chinese resentment at being patronised — which could quickly resurface if the climate changed.

Outside watchers should also consider critically the fundamental premise of constructive engagement with China which the White House says has now been vindicated. There is a case in favour: China is becoming more open and some modest discussion on political reform seems to be encouraged by Mr Jiang. But on human rights, the problem is not a lack of high-level dialogue but the persistence of low-level persecution — which Mr Jiang continued to defend. Yet what was "unacceptable" to the Americans on Friday in Xian was shrugged aside on Saturday in Beijing. Summits do have their own rhetorical license in which both the US and Chinese political cultures fully indulge. But when Mr Blair visits China he would be well advised to pay more concern to deeds than words.

Well spotted

Just leave the anorak at home

ONE OF the joys of electronic databases is the light they shed on social fads. For instance, one database tells us that there have been 1,582 mentions of Trainspotting (the novel and film) in broadsheet national newspapers over the past year and a mere 82 of train-spotting (the railway-fanciers' hobby which is almost as old as steam trains). Yet the novel merely used its title as a metaphor for the sterile lives of young drug users. Why is this media spotlight so perverse?. There are 500,000 rail enthusiasts in Britain: certainly more than the total number of Edinburgh heroin addicts, which the film was actually about; possibly more than the film's entire British audiences.

The answer is a cruel one, according to Murray Brown, co-editor of the magazine Rail Express. "Train-spotters" (men with notebooks on station platforms) has joined "anorak" and "nerd" in a millennial cavalcade of insult-words meaning "boring"; words some carelessly use about almost any activity which does not involve football, beer and shouting. Thanks partly to this accelerating abuse, and to the counter-attraction of computer games, the number of young train-spotters has fallen by up to a fifth in the last decade. (Mr Brown's cry of alarm was borne out by a check at London mainline stations by one of our reporters).

This abuse is historically dumb as well as unfair. Spotters are mostly people who preserve and honour the colossal excitement felt when the engineering virtuosity of the railway system was built in only 30 years of the last century. They get a similar kick from the compressed design of the Networker Expresses which we dismiss as humdrum people-carriers. They model the new liveries of privatised lines at home, ride locomotive footplates on charters. And many of them travel every foot of the countryside the rail network opened up, looking — as one of them, Graham Baldwin, puts it — "at the old chalk horses on the hills, the meadows you'd have to walk miles to see if you weren't on a train".

We need admirers like them if we are to keep our own sense of history, detail and wonder. But if you do see a spotter wearing an anorak, tell him — it's unlikely to be a woman — that he's letting the side down.

Letters to the Editor

Philosophy, and other tosh

TRACY Blunt (Letters, June 27) accuses me of having sold my soul by advertising cars. I bow to her scientific expertise on matters of theology, but when it comes to doing it for "lucrative reasons" I fear that Renault's 30 peices of silver went to support my research. I accept her charges that I am called Steve, am not a woman, and obtain funding from commercial sources; and that for all those reasons I cannot, unlike Dr Blunt, afford to be pious.
Steve Jones.
Galton Laboratory,
University College London.

I DON'T know what surprised me more about the picture of Burt Lancaster in the plastic surgery feature in Jobs and Money (June 27): that he is able to admit to anything after his death four years ago, or that he would undergo expensive and painful surgery so as to look just like Burt Reynolds.
Cris Tout.
Batley, Yorks.

I CAN'T understand why the Guardian has consistently set its face against "modern French philosophy", most recently when Desmond Christy interviews Alan Sokal (Saturday books, June 27), so as to confirm the xenophobic and uninformed view that the work of Lacan, Foucault, Deirrida, Kristeva and the others is a "load of tosh". A large number of people through the Anglophone world and beyond think it addresses the question of what it is like to live at the end of the 20th century more intimately and completely than anything else on offer.
Antony Easthope.
Didsbury, Manchester.

IT'S ironic that Lady Porter's solicitor should claim that Lord Neill's withdrawal denies her "the right to be represented by the counsel of her choice" when one considers that it was her attempts at gerrymandering aimed at Westminster residents being denied their right to be represented by the council of their choice which got her into this mess in the first place.
G. C. Jamieson.
Liverpool.

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Blair's route to a U-turn

I WAS alarmed to read that the Government appears to have lost the courage to grasp the nettle of car dependence (Blair vetoes car curbs, June 25). Every year sees an increase in road congestion and its associated problems, and every year makes it more difficult to deal with the problem.

I thought that at last the Government was going to do something. Everyone was invited to comment on the transport white paper, even the public. I did. A government press release shortly after gave us cause for hope. There had been an overwhelming response, and the public, it said, both recognised the need for change, and was ready for it.

And yet the Government (or perhaps just No 10) thinks it knows better. It thinks the general public would revolt against radical measures and is afraid to be unpopular. So it is not even going to try. No 10 would do well to remember that motorists are also parents, commuters, nurses and teachers, who dislike unsafe and congested roads, that the NHS spends millions treating the victims of unnecessary road accidents, and that the air we breathe in our cities is often so polluted it exceeds EC safety limits — largely because of traffic fumes.

Extra time was found to debate landmine legislation, presumably because of the perception that there would have been a public outcry otherwise. This is in stark contrast to the apparent attempt to let the transport white paper slip quietly off the agenda.
Helen Williams.
London.

IF the Government really is moving away from a sustainable transport policy it will undermine its health policy as well as its environmental credentials. Air pollution, chiefly from traffic, kills at least 24,000 people annually, while child road casualties in 1996 were up 2 per cent to 44,000. Worse, in view of the Government's intention to reduce health inequalities, the effects of increasing traffic are felt disproportionately in deprived areas. Too many accidents are caused by commuters using inner city roads as a rat-run to escape congested main roads.

Safer and less polluting traffic will do far more for health even than shorter waiting lists.
Donald Reid.
Chief executive,
Association for Public Health,
London.

TONY Blair may have pulled the plug on car congestion charges for the sake of political popularity in middle England but the real issue is the survival of life on earth. The absurdity of the present situation is that it is caused by the Government opting out through suggesting "the decision should be left to the motoring public".

By proposing the introduction of congestion charges in the first place it invites unpopularity, whereas the real need is to control car production, both in quantity and qualitatively.

Are we to conclude that the fuel, road and car manufacturing lobbies dictate terms to the Government in place of the voters who elected it and alone give it legitimacy? And has the Government deliberately proposed a knowingly unpopular measure so that it can excuse its abandonment in order to appease its lobbyists and contributors to its party funds?
Jim Scott.
Save Our World,
London.

THE forthcoming transport White Paper should not be described as "John Prescott's". It is the result of a year-long period of national consultation and discussion, involving ministers, civil servants, local government, business, road users, academics and environmentalists. To its credit, the DETR went to unparalleled lengths to involve the public and to give everyone "ownership" of the new policies.

If this huge consensus for change is now to be undermined by a few in Downing Street who simply believe this is "Prescott's war on the car", then Labour faces a massive "democratic deficit" — and will be left without effective measures to tackle our transport crisis.
Don Mathew.
Lowestoft.



Dig in to beat the plot to build on our allotments

APART from being a bulwark against order and neatness, *allotments (Leader,* June 25) give us the little contact we have with nature in urban areas. We cannot afford to lose them. The problem is that they are not being developed to their full potential and so appear marginal to local authorities who are under pressure to allow more residential development. Instead allotments ought to be turned into "community gardens" where groups of people can cultivate flowers and vegetables and even sell the produce to local people. The money generated could provide facilities such as toilets and children's play areas. Potentially they are a very good way of "greening the city" and should not built upon.
Mark Bhatti.
Brighton.

ALLOTMENTS are not only "part of the rich fabric of urban life", but important to rural life too. In the last two or three years the number of allotment plots taken up in the village of Bisley, near Stroud, has doubled.

Whole families are now creating garden plots — as it always was in the past. Fruit and veg may well be "cheap" but there are still costs. Parents are working allotments because they are concerned about the quality of shop-bought food and the pointless miles it travels before it reaches the kitchen.

It is also wonderful to see the children's little gardens grow. Allotments provide a creative, caring and learning experience for children, and it is a wonder that more schools do not take up allotments to teach these skills.
Lesley Greene.
Bisley Stroud, Glos.

Fair play for the Campsfield Six

WE ARE the solicitors for six asylum seekers acquitted of violent disorder at Campsfield Detention Centre and three others originally charged but against whom charges were dropped after committal (Rioting case against asylum seekers falls apart, June 18). We write to make an open plea to the minister responsible for immigration, Mike O'Brien, to take account of the huge suffering and anxiety which has been inflicted on them by unfair and untrue accusations. Two of our clients are aged only 17. One is in a psychiatric hospital and may never recover from the damage to his mental health. Both he and another of the accused have made serious suicide attempts.

All our clients remain in prison even though they have been acquitted. The proceedings have placed them at additional risk of persecution if returned to their own countries. In his recent report Sir David Ramsbotham criticised the lack of any judicial review for immigration detention and the demoralising effect on immigration detainees. Our clients have suffered enough. We call on the Home Office Minister to end their misery, to release them and grant them leave to remain in the country forthwith.
Louise Christian,
Rosetta Offonry,
Martin Penrose,
Philip Turpin,
London.

IF E H Church and his Immigration Service colleagues regard Home Office figures on so-called bogus asylum seekers as being "serious research" (Letters, June 26), they are perhaps demonstrating why they are unfit to be left with any responsibility for refugee protection.

The current 80 per cent refusal rate in asylum cases results from a circular argument: the Home Office says that 80 per cent of the cases are bogus. The Home Office appears to discount all independent studies, and ignores the fact that countries such as Canada, who apply the same UN Refugee Convention to the same groups of asylum seekers, have refusal rates as low as 25 per cent. With limited resources, reputable refugee lawyers in this country are already able to overturn around one third of rejections on appeal or through further representations.

Mr Church says that his members are in constant contact with bogus asylum seekers. Like other solicitors specialising in refugee protection work, I am in constant contact with traumatised refugees deeply upset by the sarcastic and disbelieving tone taken by immigration officers when questioning them about the deaths in their families.
Paul Ward.
London.

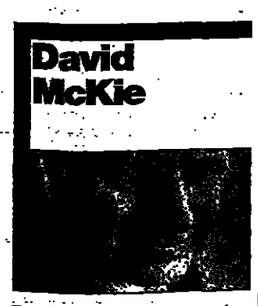
EH Church of the Immigration Service Union suggests the Rev David Haslam has his own agenda on asylum seekers. My own conversations with Mr Haslam lead me to believe his agenda is the fair and proper treatment of those coming to these shores seeking asylum. Does the ISU have a different agenda?
Stephen I. Heap.
London.

Shedding more light on Conrad's character – and his characters

THE correspondence that commenced with the suggestion that Roger Casement might have provided some of Joseph Conrad's inspiration for the figure of Kurtz in Heart Of Darkness has progressed to the claim that there is "evidence" not only that Conrad "began his adult life in same-sex relationships" but also that his friendship with Casement "was not just platonic" (Paula Burnett, Letters June 27).

Lady Ottoline Morel recalls Conrad saying of Casement: "No one but he would have travelled so lightly, unarmed and unattended through so dangerous a jungle," suggesting that, if Casement provides the prototype for any character in the novel, it is more likely to be the Russian Harlequin than Kurtz. Documentary accounts of conditions in the Congo Free State at the time of Conrad's visit provide evidence of far more obvious originals for Kurtz, such as the Force Publique officer, Léon Rom, who ornamented his flowerbed with human skulls. Whether reported by others or expressed in his own letters, Conrad's impressions and recollections of Roger Casement alter to the point of contradiction. For instance, Ford Madox Ford's account of Conrad's recollections of Casement (quoted by Jonny Stott, Letters, June 25) as a loner, fearless and self-sufficient, is at odds with the account of Conrad's impressions offered by another friend, John Powell, in which Casement emerges as a Heathcliff-like figure. What is at issue is the reason why Conrad's attitude towards Casement altered from admiration to the point where he declined to add his name to the petition for clemency in 1916 when Casement was on trial for his life. Surely a fairly obvious answer is that, at the very time when the press was reporting Casement's attempts to land German guns in Ireland for use against British soldiers, Conrad's own son, Boris, was in the British army, fighting in the trenches. Nor did Conrad believe that the British government would execute Casement. In a letter to John Quinn (who signed an appeal for clemency) Conrad says: "I don't suppose Casement will swing." Which brings me, finally, to the claim that there is "evidence" of Conrad's homosexuality. We know a little of Conrad's attitude towards homosexuality. For instance, his friendship with Norman Douglas cooled markedly once the latter's homosexuality was known. But what we deduce from this can only be speculative. Paula Burnett claims that Conrad "married suddenly in middle age, following Oscar Wilde's trials." The line of suggestion here is clear, the proclaimed "evidence" is not. What is this evidence?
Allan Simmons.
Teddington, Middlesex.

The Sol also rises



THE FATE of a nation hangs this week on an Alan, a Tony, two Davids, two Pauls, a Garry (or a Gareth perhaps), a Michael, a Darren, a Graeme — and also a Sol. Were England to win the World Cup, it's a pretty fair bet that register offices all over the land would soon be reporting a spate of Davids and Pauls and Michaels among new-born boys, and possibly of Solomons too. This would be somewhat irrational, since the Sol in Sol Campbell is actually short for Solzeer. But most parents would not necessarily know that.

It's a curious thing about Solomon. Why are there so many Davids around, and so few Solomons? I cannot find a single player called Solomon among the massed Darrens and Lees in last season's Rothman's Yearbook, though Swindon Town had a Sol who might possibly be one. Far more Aarons and Nathans occur than you might expect, but no Solomons. Admittedly Solomon, as he grew older, did things he should not have done, but nobody's perfect. We Davids remember with shame the fate of Urish the Hittite.

The adoption and rejection of biblical names in present day Britain defies understanding. New Testament names are everywhere, especially — Judas apart —those of the 12 Apostles; though I can't say I've ever met a Lebbaeus. But where some Old Testament names have stuck here, others have come and gone, and still others have always been spurned. Why so many more Rebeccas than Miriams? Or Josephs than Jacobs? — though Jake is becoming increasingly popular: in 1996, the last full year for which results are available at the Family Records Centre, Jakes outnumbered Jacobs (who included one Jacob Eusebio, from Camden) by 13 to four.

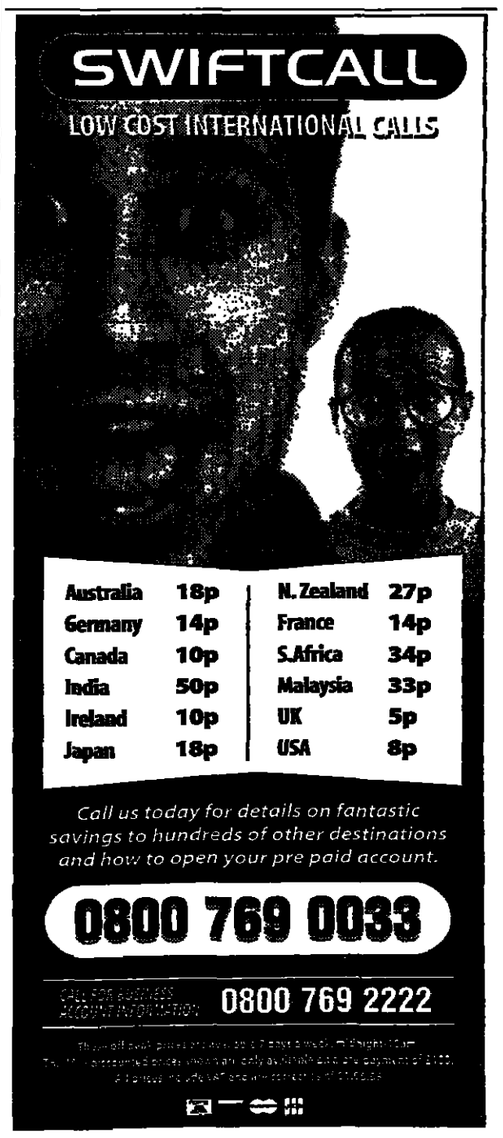
The country swarms with Adams and Bens (some of these are short forms of Benjamin, but many are not) and Jonathans. A thousand Abigails flit gracefully through our primary schools. You would not be surprised in the course of an average day to encounter a Noah or Issac; they say the odd Caleb or Asa still lurks of an evening in the dark corner of some country pub. But a Tubal, a Methuselah, or even an Obadaiah, would come today as a bit of a shock; and other names which occur in those endless pages of Who Begat Whom which open the first book of Chronicles are simply unknown in Britain. Sometimes with very good reason. Any sensible parent, certainly, would decline to call a son Er: as the child grew up, every hesitation he heard would sound like a summons. Bux, Ner and Zur are best left in obscurity, too; along, for quite different reasons, with Onan. Segub, Zuph and (on balance) Ahitub fall into that category too.

Yet most of these names are probably no more perilous than some which do get bestowed. The 1996 register shows a couple calling their daughter Shay Dee, which she could grow up to resent when people elide it. A writer in the Times the other day boasted a son called Tycho, which is certainly very eye-catching, but there's always a risk that the playground will either rhyme it with Psycho or cut it to Tyke.

Some names get rejected because they acquire undesirable associations. The name Jabez — as in Jabez Bunting, "the Methodist Pope" — used to be big in non-conformist England, until the crash of a great Victorian rogue called Jabez Spencer Balfour MP. One of the meanings of Jabez is "he will cause sorrow", which this one certainly did, bringing ruin to thousands of God-fearing households. The name thereafter was largely shunned. Favourite Victorian names like Hilda, Gertrude, Ethel and May just seem to have faded away. Even Winifred, among the top choices for girls at the turn of the century, hardly figures at all among girls at the present. For couples looking for something different, there is much to recommend in the first book of Chronicles. I particularly like Adonijah, which could be conveniently shortened in earlier years but would certainly sound immensely distinguished in later ones, especially if conjoined with a kinighthood. Saraph sounds rather engaging, and I quite like some of the Zs — Zimran, for instance, and Ziph. Or what about some of the kings of Assyria, like Sennacherib, or Tilgathpilneser?

If you want to be more up to date, you could always try Rothman's. Arsenal's list last season included a Valur (he had not had yet turned out for Arsenal, but had played 30 games for Fram). There's a Seth at Birmingham City, a Troy at Barnsley, and a Rio at West Ham United (he's in the World Cup squad, so watch for a crop of Rios across East London). Then there's Muzzy Izzett, once of Chelsea, now of Leicester — a player, I shall rashly assert, sporting more "z"s than any before him.

Chelsea, of course, has become a popular forename too, which for all their achievements, cannot be said of Man United. And certainly not of the Arsenal.



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Thorp crisis may cost £1bn

BNFL fears loss of contract work

Paul Brown, Environment Correspondent

MORE than £1 billion of nuclear contracts is at risk because holes have appeared in pipes through which highly radioactive waste is pumped inside the Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

This latest problem encountered by Britain's reprocessing industry is likely to add to the Government's embarrassment and confusion about policies it should adopt towards the nuclear industry.

Although no radioactivity has escaped, work at the Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant in Cumbria has stopped for six weeks while the safety and operational implications of the leaks are investigated.

The pipe erosion has been caused by the sharp metal "finings" contained in the spent fuel from British Energy's advanced gas-cooled reactors. The fuel cladding, partly dissolved in nitric acid, has proved so abrasive that it has worn away the steel pipework in the four years since the plant opened.

The pipes, which were designed to last for 20 years, are sited in a highly radioactive area. Concrete shielding-walls will have to be breached to allow repairs to be effected in a time-consuming and expensive process.

The problem for state-owned British Nuclear Fuels, which runs the plant, is that thousands of tonnes of similar, spent nuclear fuel is stored in cooling ponds at the works awaiting reprocessing over the coming 15 years.

Contracts worth more than £1 billion with British Energy have been put at risk by the problems. BNFL has to convince the Government's safety watchdog, the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, that it would be safe to continue reprocessing.

The company plans to restart reprocessing fuel from different types of Japanese and German reactors — fuel which does not attack pipes in the same way.

But to do this the company must by-pass the damaged pipework, using instead the network of "spare" pipes built in as a safety precaution when Thorp was constructed. This has yet to be offered as a solution to the inspectorate.

The company remains optimistic, however, that inspectors will agree and hopes to re-open Thorp next month.

A spokesman for the inspectorate said the company's case would not be prejudged but, if spare piping had been defined as necessary in the original design, it would be hard for BNFL to argue that it was surplus to requirements now, and could be used for day to day processing.

BNFL has suffered a number of setbacks at the £1.8 billion Thorp plant during its first four years but had thought its teething problems were over. It was hoping this year to reprocess 900 tonnes of spent fuel into plutonium and uranium.

Management had proposed a maintenance programme in a failed attempt to deal with the plant's radioactive, perforated pipes without losing production.

But workers at the plant leaked details to Cumbrians Opposed to Nuclear Environment (CORE), forcing the six-week production shut-down and review period.

Martin Forward, of CORE, said: "Every time BNFL says that everything is going as planned, something seems to go wrong.

"It seems to me that the nuclear inspectorate will be failing in its duty to protect public safety if it allows the spare pipes to be used to continue production when the original pipes have worn away in so short a time."

Mr Forward said that a proper repair needed to be carried out because if anything else went wrong, the spare pipes would be available to take over.

American Notebook

AT&T deal stirs competition pot



Mark Tran

THE planned merger between long-distance group AT&T and Tele-Communications Inc, one of America's largest cable companies, has given Congress and regulators something to cheer about at last since the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Washington has seethed at the lack of competition since the law was passed. Instead of a free for all, the law triggered a series of megamergers that went a long way towards reassembling the old AT&T monopoly broken up in 1984.

Of the seven so-called Baby Bells created by the break-up, four remain and they have fought doggedly to keep long-distance phone companies off their turf. An AT&T-TCI merger could bring the competition Washington has been waiting for.

The winds of competition have blown in from an unexpected quarter. AT&T was a lumbering giant under former chairman Robert Allen, who precipitated one of the most misguided mergers of recent times with the acquisition of NCR, a computer company.

Last year, Mr Allen split AT&T into three. AT&T retained the long-distance business and NCR went its separate way, as did Lucent, a phone manufacturing company. Michael Armstrong, an IBM veteran passed over for the top job in favour of Louis Gerstner, came to AT&T last November, after a roaring success in direct broadcast satellite as chief executive officer at Hughes Electronics.

Now Mr Armstrong has made a deal that puts AT&T squarely back in the telecommunications game. The old companies like SBC and AT&T have not provided much competitive spark since the Telecommunications Act. But new players are putting pressure on the traditional companies.

WORLDCOM appeared from nowhere to become America's fourth-largest long-distance company and has just received European Union permission for its merger with MCI, the US's second biggest long-distance player.

WorldCom-MCI has the advantage of owning a large chunk of the Internet backbone, the fibre optic networks that carry voice and massive amounts of data through UUNet at a time when Internet telephony is becoming the new battleground. Other companies using Internet technology, like Level 3 and Qwest, are growing fast.

Qwest, run by Jerry Nacchio, former AT&T No 3, is completing a 16,250 mile network designed to deliver both voice and data packets at high speed. The old-line companies fear that the Qwests of this world, armed with ultra-modern networks, will cream off their best customers, while they labour under a twin disadvantage; the traditional phone companies are forced to defend market share across a wide spectrum and they are stuck with old technology. The old-line phone companies also face competition from rivals not strictly telecommunications firms.

America Online, America's biggest online service, increasingly is being used to communicate through e-mail. AOL has signed up one million people to its low-cost, long-distance service offered through Tel-Save Holdings, providing yet another example of how the Internet is revolutionising communications.

The average time Americans spent watching television declined for the first time last year as people spent more time online; for the first time, more messages were sent by email than through the post.

AT&T was in danger of being left behind. Competition is eating into AT&T's long-distance business, while it was making little headway into the lucrative $110 billion local phone market, where it had to pay hefty access fees to local companies for the final mile to reach people's homes.

AT&T made a move into the local market for businesses with its $11.3 billion acquisition of Teleport Communications in January. Mr Armstrong considered a merger with SBC, but Washington regulators signalled their disapproval. AT&T also tried to buy America Online but was rebuffed as AOL wanted to remain independent.

Mr Armstrong finally got his big deal with TCI and the merger is likely to get the nod from Washington. The AT&T-TCI merger has real potential to bring competition to the local phone market. TCI and its affiliates reach 33 million homes, about a third of US households.

Just as importantly, TCI also provides the digital platform for AT&T as Internet telephony gains ground. Cable companies, prodded partly by Microsoft, which invested $1 billion in cable company Comcast, are finally investing in their networks to exploit the potential of the Internet.

TCI is in the midst of a three-year plan to deploy 10 million digital cable boxes that can carry voice, video and high-speed data. AT&T has the deep pockets and the brand name while TCI provides the direct access to households through its cable wires, capable of carrying much more data than existing phone lines. But it will cost an estimated $15 billion to upgrade the TCI network to handle phone calls.

Its deal with TCI makes AT&T a serious player again in the US, but it still needs an international player as the competition becomes increasingly global. Stiff rivalry comes from British Telecommunications, Concert and WorldCom.

A logical partner for AT&T would be Britain's Cable & Wireless. Or AT&T could make a deal with BT over Concert, giving AT&T the strategy it has lacked.



Shadow over the City

OWNERSHIP of City buildings seems to be going the same way as ownership of institutions with overseas companies now responsible for about 20 per cent of the property in the City of London, *writes Jill Treanor.*

If the trend continues, foreign interests will own more than half the City by 2025. This compares with the 1972 figure of 94 per cent of City floorspace being owned by UK firms. The danger, however, comes not from from concentrated overseas ownership but from the vulnerability to recession of financial services businesses.

Who Owns the City, a report into property ownership and investment in the Square Mile, commissioned from Reading University by property company Development Securities, says the majority of firms occupying City buildings also own the properties and provide the financing for them.

The adverse impact of declining financial markets on a building's owner would be exacerbated by falling rents and a rise in vacancies.

More than half the City is owned and occupied by financial, insurance and real estate firms, German firms having the largest share.

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Americans withdraw from UK power market

Celia Weston Industrial Correspondent

SEVEN of the eight regional electricity companies sold in recent years to American utility firms are back on the market, according to senior sources within the power industry.

US moves to discard the businesses have been triggered in part by institutional investors becoming increasingly nervous about their utility companies holding overseas interests.

The Americans' desire to exit the British power market will be underlined today when Dominion Resources, US owner of East Midlands Electricity, is expected to announce that it has agreed to a £2 billion bid for the regional company by UK generating company PowerGen.

PowerGen's acquisition of the same company was blocked on grounds of public interest by Tory ministers two years ago. It is reported to be planning £1.5 billion of disposals to fund the deal.



Stephen Littlechild: Wants bigger sale of generators

In a second new development, Japanese investment bank Nomura is waiting to try again to acquire Energy Group, which owns Eastern Electricity — the eighth regional firm — sold earlier this year to Dallas-based company Texas Utilities.

Guy Hands, the bank's £40 million-a-year "star" financier is thought to be confident the financing underpinning the deal will fall apart, forcing Texas to sell the group.

Meanwhile, turmoil in the UK power sector could create a summer of discontent as the regulator, acting in line with the Government's energy review, prepares to force the two largest generators — PowerGen and National Power — to sell coal-fired plant to other companies as a way to boost competition.

The Government's ban on new gas-fired power stations means the three dominant generators, including Eastern, have to face fewer rivals.

Stephen Littlechild, director-general of the Office of Electricity Regulation, wants to go beyond the minimum suggested deal of generators selling 20 per cent of coal-fired plant to achieve a more significant divestment. Those who do not co-operate are threatened with a long and costly Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry.

PDFM awaits group decision on autonomy

TONY Dye's controversial fund managment business, PDFM, could be put up for sale today after the merger between its former parent, UBS, and Swiss Bank Corporation, *writes Lisa Buckingham.*

A board meeting of the newly constituted UBS is expected to discuss whether PDFM, which has £70 billion of funds under management, should remain as an autonomous unit within the group.

Although the global asset-management business of the merged UBS is run by the Brinson group in the United States, Mr Dye's London organisation has retained its independence.

But PDFM's case for continuing to run its own show has been weakened by a decision to bet on a market crash yet to happen. It has also selected poor shares in the London market. These have been expensive decisions, costing the fund manager its place in the sector's top six, according to a Datamonitor survey.

Wall of cash will benefit rogues

Lisa Buckingham

ROGUE traders will be able to operate unchecked by executives because control systems will collapse under the wall of money expected to flow into Europe's investment coffers as a result of private pensions growth and the explosion in financial products.

That is the warning to investment managers contained in a report published today which predicts that funds under management in Europe will rise from $4,599 billion to $9,504 billion (£2,840 billion to £5,860 billion), and that these funds will be split into many more portfolios.

But the operational systems of most fund managers are already creaky, and would almost certainly not be able to cope with such an influx of business without error. The report from Latchly Management says this will almost certainly mean armies of staff being employed to input information — which will increase the chance of error as well as opening businesses to the risk of staff shortages.

"In fund management, apparently minor operation failures can have disastrous consequences ... In a volatile market, this could lead to significant losses — and, as the sums under management increase, so too will the potential losses," the report states.

It adds: "Operational risk-management failures can also lead to the kind of problems faced at Barings and Sumitomo: in both cases, management was unable to keep track of portfolio activity."

The level of funds now flowing into investment houses means that losses in future could be much larger than anything to date, and the report warns this could threaten the capital reserves of even the largest managers.

Worryingly for investors, many fund managers are not adequately insured, so savers could lose money regardless of their legal rights.

BA in historic switch to Airbus

Tony May

BRITISH Airways' board will on Friday make its potentially historic decision to switch from traditional US supplier Boeing and place a substantial order with European consortium Airbus Industrie.

But less happy news is likely to emerge from MFI Group, which is expected to join the chorus of woe from the household end of the retail market when it unveils a 16 per cent profits fall to £60 million.

The kitchen and bedroom furniture specialist has had a tough time after a poor winter sale led to a profit warning in March. Following Carpetright's warning last week that trading had slowed dramatically since the start of the year, there has been speculation that MFI may have to announce restructuring, job cuts and a shake-up of management. There have also been rumours of a bid.

Analysts expect to focus on how fast GEC is changing rather than the expected 4 per cent rise in profit to £1.05 billion. They expect Lord Simpson, the new managing director, to press on with the management revolution which started with the end of Lord Weinstock's 33-year reign last September.

Lord Simpson's strategy is to used the group's £1.24 billion cash pile to expand the GEC-Marconi defence and aerospace business into a global player. Analysts are seeking clues to the kind of deal he has in mind.

TODAY — Interbrew Basle, Cammell Laird Holdings, Fairfield Enterprise, Fitness First, Minorplant Systems, Richards, Plastex Baring Emerging, Kewill Systems, Kredyt Bank PBI SA, Liberbrew, Tead. **AGMs:** WPP Group.
TOMORROW — Plastex Brawway, Debenham Tewson, Greene King, Kenwood Appliances, MFI Furniture Group, Peel Holdings, Pharmigam International Capital, TGI, Tops Estates, Whitecroft. **AGMs:** Safeway.
WEDNESDAY — Plastex Marston Thompson & Evershed, Trading updates United News & Media.
THURSDAY — Plastex HP Bulmer Holdings, GEC, Jurys Hotel Group, Leopold Joseph, Merrydown.
FRIDAY — AGMs: James Cropper, Inspec, John Lusty Group.

Bankruptcies up as jobs dwindle

Lisa Buckingham

THE rate of business failures has started to rise for the first time since 1995, according to a survey from Dun & Bradstreet, and the growth in employment prospects is beginning to flag.

These further signs of a slowdown in the economy, which emerge in surveys published today, will add to the pressure on the Bank of England's monetary policy committee which meets next week to decide whether to change interest rates.

Manpower, which conducts a quarterly survey of employment prospects, admits the outlook is mixed but says the results of its latest research could indicate a downturn.

And Dun & Bradstreet's research reveals that more than 10,000 businesses failed in the second quarter of the year — 9.4 per cent more than in the first quarter and 4 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 1997.

The doves on the monetary policy committee are likely to view the two studies as evidence that the economy is cooling rapidly and will argue that it would be dangerous to increase rates beyond the current level of 7.5 per cent.

Although the level of business failures in the first half is still lower than last year, the figures suggest that the rate of casualties is accelerating. Philip Mellor of D & B commented: "The decrease in business failures during the first six months may be deceptive. There are worrying signs in these figures which will need to be checked in the rest of the year." He was particularly concerned at the 25 per cent increase in the number of small businesses going bankrupt.

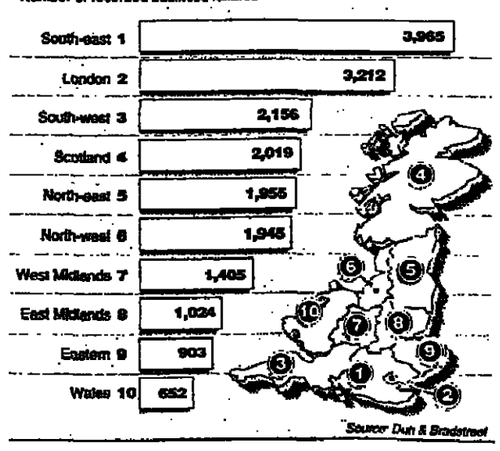
The Manpower research, which surveyed 2,221 employers, said that 28 per cent of employers predict an increase in job levels for the three months from July to September, but 8 per cent reckon there will be a decline.

The balance of 20 per cent is equal to the figure for the third quarter last year. It is the first time since 1996 that a quarter's result has shown no improvement over the year before. The outlook for the manufacturing sector is particularly troubling, with a 2 per cent drop in confidence compared with this time last year. Prospects are brightest in electronics but retailers are becoming less optimistic on jobs, possibly reflecting a slowdown in high street sales.

Lilian Bennett of Manpower said: "The first signs of a downturn in job prospects are becoming evident from these figures. However, the picture varies across a range of industries and employers are still predicting an increase in employment prospects."

Closing down

Number of recorded business failures



Source: Dun & Bradstreet

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Just say no to the opiate of the Euro



Larry Elliott

BACK in 1990, there was one clinching argument on the left for supporting British membership of the exchange rate mechanism. It was that Margaret Thatcher was against it.

Eight years on, we are seeing an eerie rerun of the scenario. Despite the less than glorious experience of our two years spent shackled to the German mark, the talk last week was that the left has no option but to support entry into the single currency. Why? Because Rupert Murdoch is against it.

This does not seem an altogether convincing line of argument. Mrs Thatcher may have been wrong about many things, but she was absolutely right about the ERM.

Similarly, we may be better off today listening to the Sun than to the Confederation of British Industry and the TUC, which were spectacularly wrong about the ERM in 1990 and are spectacularly wrong about European monetary union today. The CBI and the TUC have remembered nothing and forgotten everything about the events that led up to Black Wednesday.

What is really at issue is not whether Mr Murdoch is a nice man, because quite obviously he isn't. The point is whether there are convincing arguments for the left to support the single currency. There are not.

Sad to say, George Orwell was right when he talked of leftwing British intellectuals being unique in their hatred for their own country. There is an unblinking assumption that the European single currency must be good simply because it is European, and that those who oppose it are Little Englanders, xenophobes, supporters of Britain's feudal political structure, and so on.

Some might find it strange that those who decried the Sun's attack on the Prime Minister last week should use Sun-style tactics — hyperbole, casuistry and blatant falsehood — to make their case. Yet even stranger is the extent to which unthinking support for the Euro indicates how much monetarist claptrap the left has ingested over the past two decades.

Not for a second should we doubt that the Euro's supporters fervently believe that it will lead to higher growth, higher wages and higher public spending. But this belief is based on faith alone.

Unlike the Federal Reserve, which has a mandate to run United States monetary policy with growth *and* inflation in mind, the European Central Bank merely pursues price stability.

However, it is that pursuit coupled with pro-cyclical fiscal policies — rather than the alleged structural problems in European labour markets — which have caused mass joblessness in Europe. Unemployment is now falling slightly; not because of reforms in labour markets but because European macroeconomic policy has become less insane.

This trend will be used by Euro-supporters to suggest that Britain cannot afford to remain outside the successful experiment. But unless the ECB adopts a more expansionary approach to monetary policy and more discretion on fiscal policy is allowed, this cyclical upturn will be no more long-lived than in the relatively benign late 1980s. Rather than higher growth and living standards we are likely to get the opposite.

As for more generous welfare systems, the point is that the trades union movement is not the driving force behind the single currency, but big business is; and what does big business want? The same as it always wants — cheaper labour, lower taxes, smaller welfare states, complete freedom of action for capital.

THE argument is that business will do better if it can take advantage of the single market and that wealth will trickle down to the shop floor. It was nonsense when Thatcher and Reagan spouted it, and it is nonsense now.

A body of opinion on the far left sees it as an advantage that capitalism will be encouraged to organise on a pan-European basis, because that will encourage labour to follow suit. According to the theory, the solidarity of the working class will be strengthened and the day of revolution hastened. Most who think this way, however, spent their formative years in the hallucinogenic confusion of the late 1960s.

A soft-left variant of this is that the single currency will insulate Europe against the excesses of American-style capitalism. This is a dangerous folly.

It is not American free-marketeers who have undermined social democracy in Europe but those who have spent 15 years following barking-mad macroeconomic policies in pursuit of monetary union. The result has been intolerably high levels of unemployment, putting pressure on welfare provision.

The European social welfare model was developed in an era of capital controls and extensive trade barriers. Any hope of Europe becoming a bulwark against the depredations of laissez-faire would have to recognise that the institutional framework matters. Yet preparations for the Euro have demanded the scrapping of all foreign-exchange controls and been accompanied by full support for a supra-national body, in the shape of the World Trade Organisation, which will ensure European markets are increasingly prised open.

Europe has torn down its defences against global capitalism and now appears to be a sitting duck for those eager to discipline stroppy French workers with a touch of labour-market deregulation.

There is yet another argument from the pro-Euro left. It is that interest rates here will converge with lower rates on the European mainland. After all, short-term rates here are 7.5 per cent, while in Germany and France they are under 4 per cent.

But the reason the UK has higher interest rates is that economic conditions are different. Indeed, the lack of convergence was the main reason behind the Government's decision to delay our entry. But just as a stopped clock is right twice a day, so there is no guarantee that having converged with the rest of Europe in 2001, Britain will *stay* converged.

This brings us to the main point: whether Europe is what economists call an optimal currency area. What happens if parts of the "Euro-zone" disengage, so one country grows more slowly with higher unemployment?

Outside monetary union, the answer is simple: the Bank of England adjusts monetary policy for cheaper borrowing and a more competitive pound — as the Tories did with instant results on Black Wednesday.

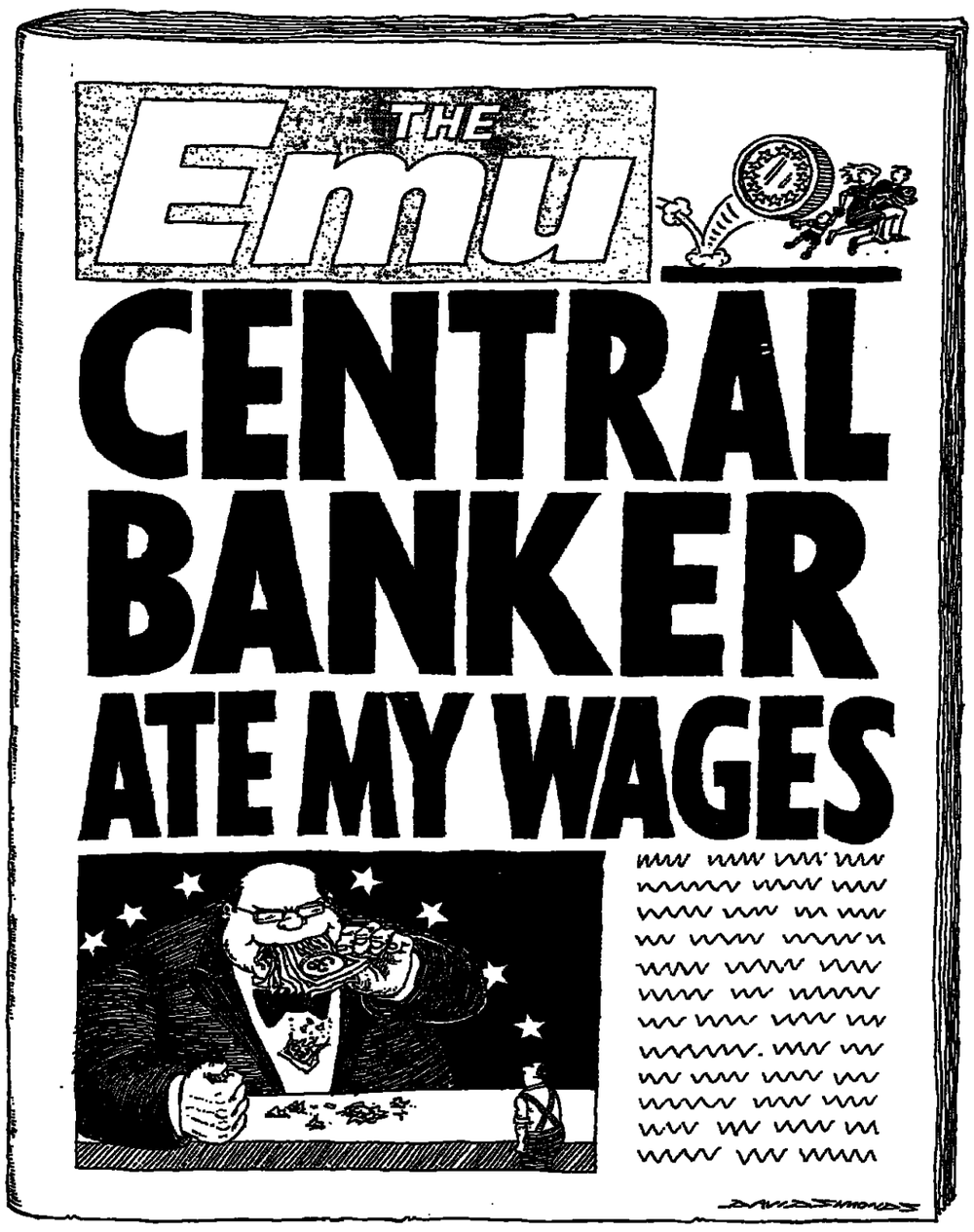
Inside monetary union this option is not open. In principle, British workers could apply for jobs in Belgium or Portugal, but unless they speak fluent Flemish, French or Portuguese they may have some problems keeping a job.

FAILING that, there is, in theory at least, the possibility that the rich parts of Europe will rush to the rescue of the poorer regions through a system of large-scale fiscal transfers. But to be effective it would require a budget 10 times that wielded by Brussels — and, even more important, a much greater sense of political unity than exists — or is ever likely to exist — between member states.

If neither of these escape routes is open, does that mean that there is no alternative but to accept higher levels of unemployment? Not necessarily. There is a final way of reducing unit-labour costs and restoring competitiveness — the workers can take a pay-cut.

There is no guarantee that this will happen, of course. It may be that the Thatcherite supply-side reforms have re-energised Britain. It may also be the case that — despite giving the impression that they would struggle to run a bath — those charged with implementing Euro monetarism really *do* know how to deliver higher growth.

But if things do not quite go according to plan, it will be fascinating to see how the trades union bosses, now so keen to sign up for the Euro, explain to their dwindling band of members that the glorious victory over Murdoch has been won at the expense of their living standards.



Bloodless battle of the generations

Debate

Douglas Wood and Tony Eccles

THERE is a neat little war going on in our society. It is never resolved; no blood is spilt; none of the protagonists is killed off. All live to fight another day.

Most of the action takes place within an elite. The weapons are statistics, trends, beliefs about motivation, power and fairness. The war revolves round tax and spending policies, around interest rates. It is a battle of the generations.

Just consider interest rates. Whenever these rise to a degree that causes increases in mortgage rates, newspapers howl with dismay. This will hurt families struggling with extra costs, they trumpet. The articles are typically written by 28-year-olds with big mortgages living in Battersea. They are not written by Devon-based 64-year-olds living on the income from their savings. The old savers have gained; the young borrowers have lost.

Student loans are a way of transferring obligations from old to young

The present row about the affordability of state pensions is another field of battle. Who would have thought that the British Government would be trailing the possibility of creating more than 40 years of retrospective taxation by reneging on the contract that national insurance payers have honoured over the decades?

Nor have we necessarily seen the end of inflation, which is much used by governments to erode the state's liabilities to lenders, to the benefit of current taxpayers. Inflation is a device to rescue governments from the cost of their fixed-interest borrowings by eroding the value of loans from investors.

From the days of clipping the edge of precious-metal coins (which led to the adoption of serrated edges) or the degradation of metal purity, through the exuberant printing of paper money, inflation has become the more subtle way of transferring wealth from lenders to borrowers — and this generally means from old to young.

Furthermore, the shift from income taxes to indirect taxes on consumption is another generational shift. As it occurs, the late middle-aged will realise that they have already paid higher taxes on their earlier incomes, when consumption taxes were lower, and now they'll have to pay tax again when they spend their post-tax savings, since VAT has risen and widened in scope and income tax has been lowered.

So the country's immobile citizens are being taxed more, to attract the supposedly footloose young with lower income taxes.

The battle is not all one-way. Student loans are a way of transferring obligations from older taxpayers to young people. And this is where the battle becomes murky, for one motive for student loans is not intergenerational transfer as much as inter-class transfer, offering the potential to give more support to less advantaged young people at the expense of those whose career investments are likely to pay off handsomely.

There is a moral dimension to the idea of providing universal pre-school education from the savings coming from university tuition fees.

The problems of tax and spending policies thus become both confusing and difficult. As soon as you mix morals, ethics, notions of equity, economic rationale and social manipulation together, issues of government policy slip into deep water and may drown — as can be seen with Frank Field's attempts to redefine state welfare.

That isn't just a case of the Government deliberately hammering the elderly, but part of a surreptitious plan to increase taxes by other means.

Now that it is assumed that voters will not accept higher rates of tax, but will still demand better levels of state spending, governments are off-loading what have been state obligations on to the private sector and individuals.

University fees are just one way; charges for health and dependency care are another, paying directly for more of your pension is a third. Government is evidently seeking to outsource the costs of welfare items that it previously funded from taxation. If it persists, how this generation will escape from the triple fetters of paying for the present dependent old, today's dependent young and funding its own future, is a challenge worthy of a financial Houdini.

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True-blue Tory tonic for Mr Hague

Worm's Eye

Dan Atkinson

SOME of us sinus sufferers born in the early 1960s have long suspected our ailment could be blamed on the nuclear tests then being carried out. The news that a fellow native of March 1961, William Hague, is similarly stricken has cheered us enormously. What a boost for our campaign for oodles of compensation! Soon we shall be emerging from the High Court waving enormous cheques.

Meanwhile, here is some genuine recuperative advice for the Tory chief. Stick with Friar's Balsam and Veganin; bone-marrow soup works wonders, as does scrambled egg on fried brown bread; no coffee, but the occasional Guinness; don't kip to excess and get gallons of fresh air.

To extend this wholesome regime into the field of convalescent reading, Mr Hague should on no account be permitted "briefing papers" with titles such as: Global Markets In The 21st Century or Privatisation: New Horizons.

When the nonsense level of free-market propaganda reaches the health-endangering mark, we recommend one of the best antidotes on the chemist's shelf. Not The Communist Manifesto or The Future Of Socialism. No: The Conservative Case, written in 1959 by Lord Hailsham.

So big business and big finance have defected en masse to the PM and his colleagues? Mr Hague can relax. The master was no great fan of laissez-faire: he called it "the liberal heresy" and gloried in the Tories' 19th century role in fighting it: "[We] did not concede that the curse of Adam was so easily removed by Adam Smith."

Inevitably, he quoted Disraeli, who — far from lauding the "enterprise culture" — thundered that "the altar of Mammon has blazed with triple worship", an observation even more acute in the age of Goldman Sachs than it was in that of Rockefeller.

As the Asian virus spreads, western laissez-faire is on the verge of a cataclysmic crash that will re-shape the economic agenda as surely as did the Opec crisis in 1973/74. Labour's "coup" in getting big business on side is about as brilliant as would have been the Conservatives' lining up with the unions before the winter of discontent.

In sum, Lord Hailsham described laissez-faire as "too callow a theory for credence", which just about sums it up.

A few pages of this a night, and Mr Hague ought to be feeling a whole lot better.

Keynes's ideas just won't go away, says Michael Ottolenghi

Economics made easy

What was the Keynesian revolution?
In 1936 the English economist John Maynard Keynes published The General Theory Of Employment, Interest, And Money, a book which shattered the dominant economic approach of his profession — the classical school, founded by Adam Smith. Most economists at the time believed that markets always clear: if there is too much or too little of a good, the price adjusts so that demand equals supply.

What does that mean in the real world?
Keynes was writing when millions had been thrown out of work by the Great Depression. Classical economists said that in the long run the labour market would adjust — people would accept lower wages and eventually price themselves back into work.

What did Keynes say?
He suggested that the market might not work as the textbooks suggested. The General Theory argues that Adam Smith's "invisible hand" — the self-correcting properties of the market — would not work in some circumstances. Wages are "sticky" — people don't like wage cuts — and investment, the motor of growth, depends on business confidence, which is low during times of recession.

What was his solution?
The Government should revive demand by boosting public spending or cutting taxes. This fiscal stimulus would be rewarded by a larger increase in growth than the initial investment.

Why the General Theory?
Most economic analysis until then had been based on analysing individual markets — what is now called microeconomics. Keynes laid the foundations of macroeconomics by providing a framework for analysing how all the different markets interact.

What did the classical economists make of Keynes?
They absorbed many of his ideas. Keynes's framework for describing how different markets interact became the standard. Policy makers adopted his analysis and used fiscal measures to offset economic slumps. But the consensus ended with the arrival of the monetarists in the early 1960s.

What did monetarists say?
That Keynesian fine tuning only destabilized the economy and increased business uncertainty. Running big budget deficits only crowded out private investment and boosted inflation. A renewed neo-classical school advocated less government intervention in the economy.

Who's winning the argument today?
In Britain orthodoxy rules. But Keynes has a new lease of life in Japan, where everyone agrees what is really needed is huge boost in government spending to revive the flagging economy.

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Indicators

TODAY — UK: Consumer credit (May).
UK: Provisional M0 (Jun).
JP: Tankan survey: Manufacturing.
TOMORROW — US: FOMC meeting.
WEDNESDAY — UK: Purchasing managers report (Jun).
THURSDAY — UK: CBI Distributive trades survey (Jun).
UK: Unemployment rate (Jun).
US: Non-farm payrolls (Jun).
US: Hourly earnings (Jun).
FRIDAY — UK: PM report on services (Jun).
US: Public holiday.
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Up to	£5,000	3.85	3.90
	£5,000+	4.14	4.20
	£25,000+	4.39	4.45
	£100,000+	4.48	4.55
	£250,000+	4.73	4.80
Premium Business Account			
	£5,000+	5.18	5.30
	£25,000+	5.61	5.75
	£100,000+	5.85	6.00
	£250,000+	6.13	6.30
Clients Premium Deposit Account			
	£25,000+	5.19	5.25
	£100,000+	5.63	5.70
Education Account			
Up to	£25,000	5.08	5.20
	£25,000+	5.56	5.70
Treasurer Account			
Up to	£2,000	1.49	1.50
	£2,000+	2.72	2.75
	£10,000+	4.65	4.75

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A King Coal courtier shows his mettle

Anne Perkins on how a radical took up new-look cudgels in the cause of pit communities

MICK Clapham had a pint or two on the train back to the North last Thursday night. The President of the Board of Trade had just declared that the coal industry had a secure future, and it was a sweet victory for the MP for Barnsley West and Penistone, a triumph of stealth from a South Yorkshire radical who was the NUM's industrial relations officer during the pit strike.

The Government's plans to help the struggling industry may look modest. But six months ago, the argument seemed lost. New Labour, it seemed, was prepared to pronounce the last rites over King Coal, once the engine of socialism in Britain, and the employer of generations of Claphams.

"I got the impression that there were people who wanted the industry to go into a quiet demise. They thought the industry would pass into history. That's what really motivated us."

Last November, the biggest private operator, RJB Mining, declared the industry on the brink of disaster because of the collapse in demand for coal from the electricity generators. Mick Clapham, with Paddy Tipping from the Nottinghamshire coalfield and his South Yorkshire colleague, Kevin Barron, set in motion a discreet but determined lobbying campaign to salvage the industry's remains and protect the last 11,000 jobs.

Clapham, 55, who began as a coalface miner at the age of 15 and looks like a character out of Sons and Lovers, did his O levels and A levels in evening classes and has a string of university qualifications. He trots out phrases like "cognitive dissonance" in Commons speeches. And he knows a bit about failed revolts.

Last autumn he voted against lone-parent benefit cuts and resigned as unpaid parliamentary secretary to the Health Minister, Alan Milburn, sacrificing all hopes of a ministerial future. This time, he was determined to change government policy. "We are talking about the heartlands, and the aspirations of mining communities which have supported Labour through thick and thin," he says. But, if the Energy Minister, John Battle, let it be known that he was determined not to go into history as undertaker to the coal industry, the campaigners appreciated that an emotional appeal to traditional links between coal and Labour would almost certainly be counter-productive where the final decision would be taken — Downing Street.

"I think it was accepted that the lobby had to be wider than just the seven of us with collieries in our constituencies. We expanded it so it included engineering, the machinery manufacturers, the places where boilers for the power stations are made. And the campaign had to be factual. It had to be based on research."

The Department of Trade and Industry is notoriously anti-coal. There was a suspicion that ministers simply were not getting the arguments against gas, set to account for 80 per cent of power generation within 10 years, or those for coal.

Leeds University, the TUC and the Coalfield Communities Campaign all co-operated. They produced research on associated job losses — 50,000 in all, they said — and arguments to show that the interests of diversity and continuity meant coal must be secured for the future.

And, usually on an individual basis or in small groups, they took it to the ministers drafting the policy, harrying them with facts and figures, accepting that some jobs would probably go, arguing for a fund for education and re-training for redundant miners.

It was traditional Labour fighting with New Labour's weapons. They avoided all threat of confrontation. There were none of the traditional calls to parliamentary arms, the emotive Commons motions calling for government action, the leaked private letters or the open campaigning of the fight against cuts to lone parent benefits.

"The radicalism is still there, it's just a question of how to focus it," claims Clapham, who resigned from the Labour Party in the 60s in protest at Harold Wilson's apparent appeasement of the United States over Vietnam. "We had to use a new approach because the situation in the industry, the economic situation in mining communities, is altogether different. I believe we have been able to harness the community in a way which has helped us to lobby effectively."

Thursday's statement was more than justification of his tactics over the past six months. It marked the restoration of his standing as defender of an industry which not five years ago he was accused of conspiring to destroy.

In 1993 he was a member of the Tory-dominated cross-party Trade and Industry Committee which examined Michael Heseltine's plan to close 31 pits.

He was vilified by his old boss, Arthur Scargill, for endorsing the final recommendation to accept some closures, on the grounds that if at the same time there were an injection of investment into the industry, coal would have a long-term future.

"Let's say our relationship declined at that time," Clapham acknowledges. He met all the Yorkshire miners the day the report came out to try to convince them that to pull the rug on the committee would have been "a victory for Heseltine — he would have said it proved there was no case for coal".

It didn't work. "I got it in the neck in the constituency for not pulling out. It was a difficult period, I had a bad time for a couple of years."

Now he lives with the consequences of a decade of closures, the doubled crime rate, the emergence of drug abuse on a large scale. But he believes Thursday's decision, and its new recognition of the importance of coal, could represent a significant reordering of priorities.

"There has been a neglect of our natural constituency, that is true. Maybe now we are focused a little bit more on the Labour heartlands, because it is politically important, this decision on coal."

Especially when Scargill's Socialist Labour Party is loitering in the wings of Yorkshire politics — though Clapham dismisses that as a "stillborn, Stalinist anachronism".

He says: "I am a Socialist. I always have been. I see socialism operating on two levels. One is the ethical. It's about community and solidarity, which is very much tied up with our campaign. The other is about how you organise the resources of society to benefit people by a more equitable distribution. And I think quite a lot of people in the party share those values."

Though perhaps not, he adds, all the ones who are in power.



Mick Clapham: 'These communities have supported Labour through thick and thin' PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

Life and times

Born: May 10 1943 in Barnsley

Education: O and A levels at night school, Leeds Polytechnic on day release, Leeds University and Bradford University (M Phil in industrial relations)

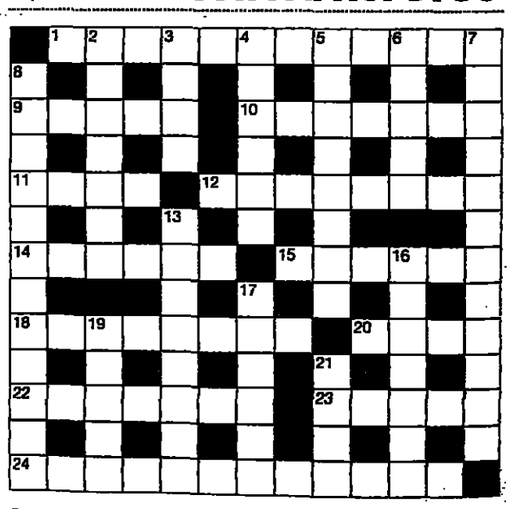
Career: Miner, NUM official in charge of industrial relations during 1984–85 strike

Hobbies: Gardening, reading political biographies

Politics: Former scourge of Labour's old right. Not 'new'
MP Barnsley West and Penistone since 1992
Trade and Industry select committee 1993–97

Future: On the backbenches

Quick Crossword No. 8786



Across

1 Ruler acting during disability of sovereign (6,6)
9 Bisect (5)
10 French country house (7)
11 Commiseration (4)
12 Veered (8)
14 Continue — to stand (6)
15 Alleviation (6)
18 Theatrical (8)
20 Thought (4)
22 Furnish (7)
23 Reminder of times past (5)
24 Parthenon sculptures in British Museum (5,7)

Down

2 Told — of family connection? (7)
3 Want (4)
4 Surpass (6)
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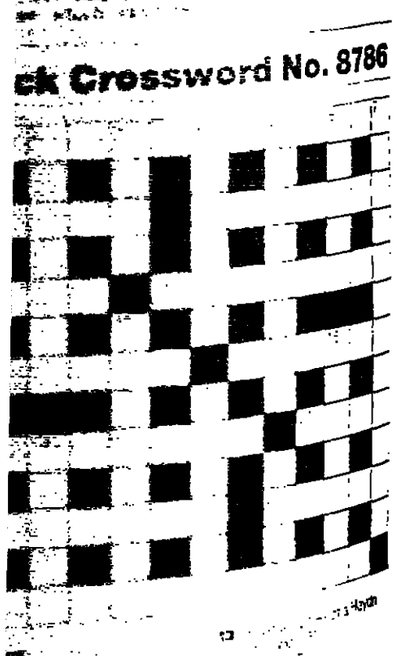
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France turn dross into gold

Richard Williams in Lens sees Blanc's sudden-death strike spare home blushes

EVERY World Cup has to have at least one real stinker of a match. This was it, unhappily for the people of France, who had to suffer agonies of embarrassment as their team flapped and floundered through to the last eight with an extraordinarily inept victory over the unconsidered men of Paraguay.

A sudden-death goal in the second period of extra-time, scored by the veteran stopper Laurent Blanc, put an end to the misery. After this painful affair the host nation's representatives will have to do something very special to rebuild their credibility, and perhaps their self-belief. Since their quarter-final finds them opposed by Italy, the task might not be within their abilities, even though they will welcome back the inspiration of Zinedine Zidane, absent yesterday through suspension.

Thirty years ago France met Paraguay in the World Cup and beat them 7-3. Just Fontaine scored a hat-trick, prompted by the genius of Raymond Kopa. Here, just a couple of goalkicks away from the mining village where Kopa was born, France again beat Paraguay but their victory came at the end of a performance that did no honour to the tradition of French football.

Never was the term "golden goal" less appropriate. The 32-year-old Blanc, whose overall performance was beyond reproach, will receive his nation's gratitude for maintaining the team's presence in the competition; the rest of us were merely relieved that he brought an end to this dreadful match, so bad that recent converts to the New Football will have had their enthusiasm severely tested.

Before the start French optimism was symbolised by the festive chorus of *Joyeux Anniversaire* that greeted their goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, who was celebrating his 27th birthday. A banner wished someone good luck with the results of his *Baccalauréat*. But these genial salutes turned out to be sadly out of keeping with what followed and very far from the sort of fete the crowd deserved.

After notching nine goals in their three group matches France may have thought their well-publicised scoring problems were over. Paraguay taught them otherwise, with a performance that was like something discovered in a time capsule buried in South America 30 years ago.



In for the kill ... Laurent Blanc puts France into the quarter-finals with an extra-time winner that flattered them after an inept display against Paraguay PHOTOGRAPHS: TOM JENKINS

Their coach, Paulo Cesar Carpegiani, is a Brazilian but he appears to brainwash his team with old videos of Estudiantes de la Plata and Boca Juniors, from the days of maximum cynicism. Paraguay showed the full repertoire of time-wasting practices, with particular emphasis on long-range backpasses, exaggerated delays at free-kicks, play-acting after fouls real and imaginary, and general all-round sulking. Even the Argentinians have not played like this in two generations.

The plan was obvious. If they could keep France at bay for 90 minutes, and then do it again in extra-time, they would be able to take their chances with the penalty shoot-out, during which their nerves would probably be in better shape than those of players burdened by the home crowd's expectations.

The French response was nothing short of pitiful. Their defenders, as usual, erected a forbidding barrier. The forwards, however, were ponderous in movement, imprecise in execution and almost devoid of guile. And they made a hash of every chance or half-chance that came to them.

What on earth has happened to the rich crop of young talent timed to ripen for France 98? No one could have guessed that Thierry Henry and David Trézéguet had been the free-scoring stars of the team which won the European junior championships only two years ago. Down the flanks, with Bernard Diomède and Bixente Lizarazu on one side and Henry and Lilian Thuram on the other, France created nothing. Youri Djorkaeff flitted around the midfield, playing pass after pass that never quite fell into the recipient's stride. Didier Deschamps, the captain, was unbelievably banal in thought and deed.

Henry had the best of the chances, when he chased a bouncing ball out of the centre circle, headed it down, outraced the defence, looked Jose Luis Chilavert in the eye and struck a shot that bounced back off the foot of the post. When he left the field on a stretcher, after 65 minutes of normal time, with him went France's best hope. Robert Pires, his replacement, tried hard and brought a good save from Chilavert in the second period of extra-time but neither he nor Stephané Guivarc'h, who came on for Diomède, posed a real threat, while the exchange of Alain Boghossian for Emmanuel Petit simply deprived the team of one of its few genuine sources of energy.

As the time passed, and France became desperate, it was possible to develop a perverse admiration for Paraguay's method, which at least had a certain picturesque quality. Five of their players were booked in the attempt to improve on their showing of 1986, when they also reached the last 16. The feigned outrage of Chilavert eventually became tiresome but in front of him the skill and concentration of the defenders drove the French to distraction. Pedro Sarabia, who plays for River Plate, the Argentine champions, shackled Henry with special diligence but it was a truly collective effort.

By the end of normal time Aimé Jacquet had played all his cards. If he was not regretting the absence of Nicolas Anelka, he should have been. As his players stumbled and miskicked around the fringe of the Paraguayan area, a resort to trial by penalties seemed inevitable, and with it the guillotining of the French. But after 113 minutes of gathering terror Pires found one last centre, Trézéguet finally achieved an accurate knockdown and up stepped Blanc, in his 71st international, to succeed where his colleagues had failed and keep French participation, if not their realistic hopes, alive. After which, of course, they will go on and win the thing. Or perhaps not.

SUBSTITUTIONS France: Pires for Henry, 65; Boghossian for Petit, 70; Guivarc'h for Diomède, 77.
Paraguay: Yegros for Campos, 58; Caniza for Paredes, 76; Rojas for Cardoso, 81.
BOOKED Paraguay: Chilavert, Benitez, Enciso, Arce, Acuna.
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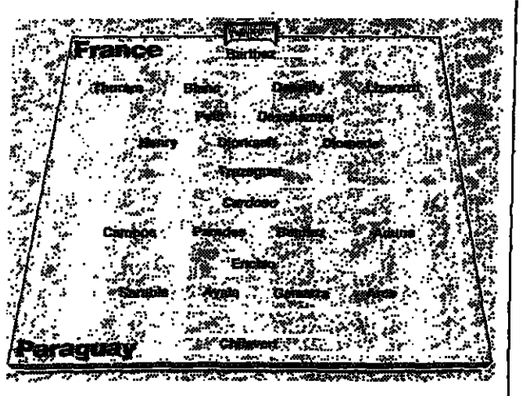
Match stats

	Fra	Par
Possession	56%	44%
Attempts on target	8	1
Attempts off target	9	8
Corners	16	5
Fouls	14	21
Offsides	1	2
Bookings	0	5



Ground down ... Paraguay's keeper Chilavert is distraught

'We would have preferred to win earlier. We dominated and created plenty of opportunities but we lacked lucidity and confidence.'
Aimé Jacquet



Hoddle forgives Maradona for Hand of God

David Lacey in La Baule

GLENN HODDLE yesterday offered Argentina a truce on past conflicts by declaring that Diego Maradona was a better player than Pele.

The England coach also repeated his assertion that he did not blame Maradona for the Hand of God incident which precipitated the 2-1 defeat of Bobby Robson's team by Argentina in the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals. Tomorrow, in St Etienne, England will have to beat Argentina to reach the last eight in 1998.

With the media already full of images recalling the moment when Maradona punched the ball past Peter Shilton in the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City, Hoddle said that responsibility for allowing the goal lay wholly with the Tunisian referee Ali Bennaceur. Tomorrow's game will be refereed by a Dane Kim Nilsen.

"With Maradona, it was an instinctive thing," he said. "It was the same as a defender handling the ball on the goal-line. He must have thought, 'I can't get that ball so I'll knock it in with my hand'. He hadn't thought, 'that's my way of winning this game'.

"He probably expected to get booked but he didn't. He got away with it and that's down to the officials."

Hoddle remains as sick at heart as anyone about the way England lost to Argentina 12 years ago — "We just couldn't believe how we'd gone out in such an unjust way" — but his admiration for Maradona is undiminished.

"For me he was the perfect footballer — better than Pele," he said. "I saw a lot of his games when he was playing in Italy, where they'd put two men on him.

"Pele was a better team player," Hoddle continued, "but I think Maradona was better than anyone who has played football on this planet." These words will be remembered should England meet Brazil, who believe Pele was made in heaven, in the semi-finals.

With Hoddle's squad fully fit, he may be tempted to leave well alone, but a possible change could be Gareth Southgate returning to the back three in place of Gary Neville to give England a more profound response to the threat of Gabriel Batistuta.

Hoddle balancing act, page 20

FRANCE 98
DAY 20

Germany v Mexico
- Venue: Stadium de la Mosson, Montpellier
- Kick-off: 3.30pm BST
- Referee: Manuel Melo Pereira (Portugal)
- Last five meetings:
  - 1971 Germany 1-0 Mexico
  - 1977 2-2
  - 1978 6-0 *
  - 1985 0-2
  - 1986 0-0 *
  - * World Cup
- Injuries: None
- Suspended: Jesus Ramirez (Mexico)

Live on ITV from 3.15pm
Live on Eurosport from 3.20pm

Holland v Yugoslavia
- Venue: Stade Municipal, Toulouse
- Kick-off: 8.00pm BST
- Referee: José Garcia-Aranda (Spain)
- Previous meetings:
  - 1971 Holland 0-2 Yugoslavia
  - 1975 0-3
  - 1978 3-2
  - 1990 2-1
  - 1992 3-3
- Injuries: Yugoslavia's star striker Predrag Mijatovic is hoping to recover from his sore knee in time for the match. Other doubts include defenders Zoran Mirkovic, Miroslav Djukic, Siniša Mihajlovic, midfielder Dejan Stankovic and striker Darko Kovacevic.
- Disqualified: None

Live on BBC1 from 7.30pm

Spread bet of the day: Total goals in the Germany v Mexico match. The Sporting Index spread is 2.5-2.7

Yesterday's results
France 1 Paraguay 0
Blanc 114
Attendance: 41,275

« La Philosophie de World Cup »

In which two French café intellectuals chew over this week's World Cup moments. All conversations lubricated by the best loved premium beer in France.



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The English, post-Diana, are a nation of sentimentalists... an opportunity for one man to step in and take advantage

Morning, Claude. No surprises yet, then.
Not to speak of. The little Colombian leaves in a huff. Heartbreak for the naïve Moroccans. Scotland home before the postcards.
Craig Brown wasn't. He was in here Thursday, having a--sideways look at life.
Really? Using which pseudonym? Wallace Arnold? Suzanne Moore? Anne Robinson? Boris Johnson?
No. He was O'Hear of Bradford, the no-nonsense Professor of Moral Philosophy.
Ah yes, he's used that one before. Attacked the cult of Diana. Called it infantile and sentimental. What's he attacking this time?
Something called Des mania. Apparently there's a character called Desmond Lynam on World Cup television. In the present fragile state of the British psyche, he's taking over from Di.
So what's "O'Hear" worried about?
He says that the divine powers bestowed upon Di by a hysterical, infantilised nation are now being assumed by a TV linkman.
To be fair, he does do a bit more than that. He deploys his godlike status in advertisements for deodorants and fertilisers.
Is he that charismatic?
Far from it, I'd have thought. Looks like a cashiered wing-commander. A south coast cad, living in Brighton with his 93-year-old mother, a trouser-press and a John Lewis Partnership blazer.
What's the blazer for?
Thés dansants at the Metropole. "May I have the pleasure, madam?" The melancholy shuffle of tango-ing old folk in remedial shoes.
That's odd. "O'Hear" says he gets 10,000 letters a week from adoring women, that he's quite a sex symbol.
Nothing strange about that. He conforms precisely to the British idea of a sex symbol. Mischievous but safe. Carry On Camping. Ooh, you are awful. They're odd, the English — we have Emanuelle Béart, they prefer Melinda Messenger.
So the BBC won't want to lose this Des character?
No problem. They'd sign up Leslie Phillips.

Terrance Blacker & William Donaldson

« He gets 10,000 letters a week from adoring women »

Road to the final



A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Norway	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Morocco	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Scotland	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

Wed, June 10 - St-Denis
Brazil 2
Cesar Sampaio 4, Boyd (og) 73
Scotland 1
Collins (pen) 38
Attendance: 80,000

Wed, June 10 - Montpellier
Morocco 2
Hadji 38, Hadda 69
Norway 2
Chippo (og) 45, Eggen 62
Attendance: 28,750

Thu, June 11 - Bordeaux
Scotland 1
Burley 67
Norway 1
H Flo 48
Attendance: 30,238

Thu, June 11 - Nantes
Brazil 3
Ronaldo 9, Rivaldo 45, Bebeto 50
Morocco 0
Attendance: 33,266

Fri, June 12 - Marseille
Brazil 1
Bebeto 76
Norway 2
T A Flo 63, Fiskdal (pen) 89
Attendance: 55,500

Fri, June 12 - St-Etienne
Scotland 0
Morocco 3
Bassir 22, 84, Hadda 47
Attendance: 35,000

B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Chile	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Austria	3	1	0	2	1	5	3
Cameroon	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Thu, June 11 - Bordeaux
Italy 2
Vieri 10, R Baggio (pen) 85
Chile 2
Salas 45, 50
Attendance: 31,800

Thu, June 11 - Toulouse
Cameroon 1
Njanka 77
Austria 1
Polster 90
Attendance: 37,500

Wed, June 17 - St-Etienne
Chile 1
Salas 70
Austria 1
Vastic 50
Attendance: 36,000

Wed, June 17 - Montpellier
Italy 3
D. Baggio 8, Vieri 75, 89
Cameroon 0
Attendance: 35,000

Tue, June 23 - St-Denis
Italy 2
Vieri 49, R Baggio 90
Austria 1
Herzog (pen) 90
Attendance: 75,000

Tue, June 23 - Nantes
Chile 1
Sierra 31
Cameroon 1
Mboma 66
Attendance: 38,000

C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Denmark	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
S Africa	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
S Arabia	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

Fri, June 12 - Lens
Saudi Arabia 0
Denmark 1
Riiper 68
Attendance: 38,140

Fri, June 12 - Marseille
France 3
Dugarry 35, Issa (og) 78, Henry 90
South Africa 0
Attendance: 55,077

Thu, June 18 - Toulouse
South Africa 1
McCarthy 52
Denmark 1
Nielsen 13
Attendance: 36,500

Thu, June 18 - St-Denis
France 4
Henry 36, 77, Trezeguet 69, Lizarazu 85
Saudi Arabia 0
Attendance: 75,000

Wed, June 24 - Lyon
France 2
Djorkaeff (pen) 13, Petit 56
Denmark 1
M Laudrup (pen) 42
Attendance: 43,500

Wed, June 24 - Bordeaux
South Africa 2
Bartlett 18, (pen) 90
Saudi Arabia 2
Al-Jaber (pen) 45, Al-Thyniyan (pen) 73
Attendance: 34,500

D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Paraguay	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Spain	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	1	7	1

Fri, June 12 - Montpellier
Paraguay 0
Bulgaria 0
Attendance: 27,650

Sat, June 13 - Nantes
Spain 2
Hierro 21, Raul 47
Nigeria 3
Adepoju 24, Lawal 73, Ollseh 79
Attendance: 33,257

Fri, June 19 - Paris
Nigeria 1
Ikpeba 27
Bulgaria 0
Attendance: 48,500

Fri, June 19 - St-Etienne
Spain 0
Paraguay 0
Attendance: 35,300

Wed, June 24 - Lens
Spain 6
Hierro (pen) 5, Luis Enrique 18, Morientes 53,81 Kiko 88,90
Bulgaria 1
Kostadinov 56 *Attendance: 40,500*

Wed, June 24 - Toulouse
Nigeria 1
Oruma 10
Paraguay 3
Ayala 1, Benitez 59, Cardoso 86
Attendance: 36,500

E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	1	2	0	7	2	5
Mexico	3	1	2	0	7	5	5
Belgium	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
S Korea	3	0	1	2	2	9	1

Sat, June 13 - Lyon
South Korea 1
Ha Seok-Ju 28
Mexico 3
Palaez 51, Hernandez 75, 84
Attendance: 37,568

Sat, June 13 - St-Denis
Holland 0
Belgium 0
Attendance: 75,000

Sat, June 20 - Bordeaux
Belgium 2
Wilmots 43, 48
Mexico 2
Garca Aspe (pen) 56, Blanco 63
Attendance: 34,750

Sat, June 20 - Marseille
Holland 5
Cocu 37, Overmars 41, Bergkamp 71, Van Hooijdonk 79, R De Boer 83
South Korea 0
Attendance: 60,000

Thu, June 25 - St-Etienne
Holland 2
Cocu 4, R de Boer 19
Mexico 2
Palaez 75, Hernandez 90
Attendance: 35,500

Thu, June 25 - Paris
Belgium 1
Nilis 7
South Korea 1
Yoo 70
Attendance: 48,500

F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Iran	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
US	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Sun, June 14 - St-Etienne
Yugoslavia 1
Mihailovic 73
Iran 0
Attendance: 30,392

Mon, June 15 - Paris
Germany 2
Moller 9, Klinsmann 65
United States 0
Attendance: 43,875

Sun, June 21 - Lens
Germany 2
Mihailovic (og) 73, Bierhoff 80
Yugoslavia 2
Mijatovic 13, Stojkovic 54
Attendance: 40,775

Sun, June 21 - Montpellier
United States 1
McBride 87
Iran 2
Estili 40, Mahdavikia 84
Attendance: 44,000

Tue, June 23 - Montpellier
Germany 2
Bierhoff 50, Klinsmann 58
Iran 0
Attendance: 35,000

Thu, June 25 - Nantes
United States 0
Yugoslavia 1
Komljenovic 4
Attendance: 39,000

G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
England	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Colombia	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
Tunisia	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Mon, June 15 - Marseille
England 2
Shearer 42, Scholes 90
Tunisia 0
Attendance: 54,587

Mon, June 15 - Lyon
Romania 1
Ilie 45
Colombia 0
Attendance: 37,572

Mon, June 22 - Montpellier
Colombia 1
Preciado 83
Tunisia 0
Attendance: 35,000

Mon, June 22 - Toulouse
Romania 2
Moldovan 47, Petrescu 90
England 1
Owen 83
Attendance: 37,500

Fri, June 26 - St-Denis
Romania 1
Moldovan 72
Tunisia 1
Souayeh (pen) 10
Attendance: 80,000

Fri, June 26 - Lens
Colombia 0
England 2
Anderton 20, Beckham 30
Attendance: 41,275

H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	3	3	0	0	7	0	9
Croatia	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Jamaica	3	1	0	2	5	9	3
Japan	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

Sun, June 14 - Toulouse
Argentina 1
Batistuta 28
Japan 0
Attendance: 33,400

Sun, June 14 - Lens
Jamaica 1
Earle 45
Croatia 3
Stanic 27, Prosinecki 53, Suker 69
Attendance: 38,058

Sat, June 20 - Nantes
Japan 0
Croatia 1
Suker 77
Attendance: 39,000

Sun, June 21 - Paris
Argentina 5
Ortega 32, 55 Batistuta 73, 79, (pen) 83
Jamaica 0
Attendance: 48,500

Fri, June 26 - Bordeaux
Argentina 1
Pineda 36
Croatia 0
Attendance: 35,000

Fri, June 26 - Lyon
Japan 1
Nakayama 75
Jamaica 2
Whitmore 39, 54
Attendance: 43,500

SECOND ROUND

GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3	GAME 4
Sat, June 27 - St-Denis (9pm)	Sat, June 27 - Lyon (9pm)	Sun, June 28 - Lens (9pm)	Sun, June 28 - St-Denis (4.30pm)
Brazil 4	**Italy** 1	**France** 1	**Nigeria** 1
Sampaio 11, 27	Vieri 18	Blanc 114	Babangida 77
Ronaldo (pen) 45, 70	**Norway** 0	**Paraguay** 0	**Denmark** 4
Chile 1	*Attendance: 60,000*	*Attendance: 41,275*	Moller 3, B Laudrup 12
Salas 68			Sand 60, Helveg 76
Attendance: 49,300			*Attendance: 60,000*

GAME 5	GAME 6	GAME 7	GAME 8
Mon, June 29 - Montpellier (4.30pm)	Mon, June 29 - Bordeaux (9pm)	Tue, June 30 - Bordeaux (4.30pm)	Tue, June 30 - St-Etienne (9pm)
Holland	**Germany**	**Romania**	**Argentina**
Yugoslavia	**Mexico**	**Croatia**	**England**
BBC	ITV	BBC	ITV

QUARTER FINALS

GAME A	GAME B	GAME C	GAME D
Sat, July 4 - Marseille (9pm)	Sat, July 4 - Lyon (9pm)	Sat, July 4 - Montpellier (4.30pm)	Sat, July 4 - Lyon (4.30pm)
Brazil	**Italy**	Game 5 winners	Game 6 winners
Denmark	**France**	Game 8 winners	Game 7 winners

SEMI FINALS

Tue, July 7 - Marseille (9pm)	Wed, July 8 - St-Denis (9pm)
Game A winners	Game B winners
Game C winners	Game D winners

3RD/4TH PLACE PLAY-OFF

Sat, July 11 - Paris (9pm)

Losers of first semi-final

Losers of second semi-final

FINAL

Sunday, July 12 - St-Denis (4pm)

Winner of **first** semi-final

Winner of **second** semi-final

ALL TIMES BST

Second round: Nigeria 1 Denmark 4

Stylish Danes clip Super Eagles wings to end the African dream

Michael Walker in St-Denis sees the Nigerian defence collapse under pressure

DENMARK last night floored the supposed heavyweight championship contenders from Nigeria before Jay-Jay Okocha and his colleagues had even started dancing.

Goals from Peter Moller and Brian Laudrup in a thrilling opening 12 minutes by the Danes stunned Nigeria and any distant possibility of a fightback was finished the moment the substitute Ebbe Sand appeared: with his first contribution to the game he drilled in a fine Danish third.

That was is the 61st minute and 15 minutes later after Thomas Helveg had helped himself to Denmark's fourth after some slipshod goalkeeping from Peter Rufai, Nigeria's substitute Tijani Babangida volleyed in a late and meaningless response.

Thus it is Denmark who meet Brazil in the quarter-finals in Nantes on Friday and the old line about an African nation winning the World Cup before the end of the century has been exposed as being dreamily far-fetched.

Ostensibly this was a straightforward encounter between a team that had reached this stage comfortably, Nigeria, and one which had not, Denmark. But there were other issues beneath the surface such as Nigeria's protest about the original choice of referee, Fernando Tresaco Garcia, who is Spanish. Nigeria had done much to eliminate Spain.

A Swiss, Urs Meier, was the replacement. There was also the Africa/Europe context, the presence of a Chelsea player on each side, Celestine Babayaro and Brian Laudrup, and last but not least the age gap: Nigeria's squad's was the youngest in the tournament, Denmark's the oldest.

Peter Schmeichel had said in the build-up that Denmark had slipped into a groove of good form, an impression recognised by the Nigeria coach Bora Milutinovic who declared that the Danes were favourites.

At first that seemed more than a little disingenuous but by the 12th minute, with Denmark two goals in front, it was looking an entirely realistic assessment. These had been the best 12 minutes of Moller's career to date. A man who had got into a groove himself — on the bench at PSV Eindhoven — scored the opener and had a major role in the second.

The contest was only into its third minute when the Nigeria defence was bisected by a 40-yard pass by Martin Jorgensen. It found Michael Laudrup on-side a yard behind Taribo West and the elder Laudrup slid the ball to Moller who, from 18 yards, produced a strike which zoomed past Rufai.

Seven minutes later it should have been two, but Moller belied his reputation as principally an aerial target man when he failed to anticipate Brian Laudrup's beautiful cross. The Nigeria back line was in chaos with West, a man of such fertile imagination his head had sprouted asparagus tips, presumably having his mind elsewhere.

West was again slow on the uptake when Brian Laudrup scored Denmark's second. A short free-kick by his brother 30 yards from goal was smacked with thunderous force by Moller; Rufai got his hands to the ball this time but he could not hold it. Brian Laudrup, the first to react, side-footed the ball in with West half a yard behind.

The look on the scorer's face may have been one of disbelief but it was the Nigerians who had been stunned. It took them some time to recover, too, but in the magical feet of Jay-Jay Okocha at least they had a flowing source of inspiration. For all his trickery, though, Okocha could not inspire the vital first-half goal that would have brought hope for the second.

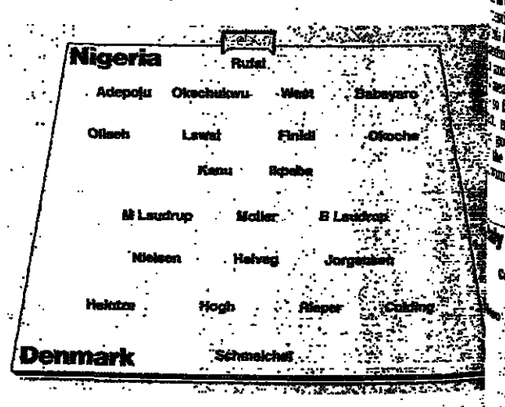
The best Nigerian chance, from a perfect Okocha through-ball, saw Schmeichel save at the feet of Nwankwo Kanu when the latter had the advantage. However, although Okocha continued to show marvellous skill and shot dangerously when he had the slightest glimpse of Schmeichel, the night and the World Cup effectively ended on the hour for Nigeria when Sand, who had just come on for Moller, scored Denmark's third.

Again it was a fine goal, one whose origins lay in the vision of Michael Laudrup. A loose ball cannoned to Laudrup, loitering five yards outside the area, and with a sublime lob he took out Uche Okechukwu. The ball fell to Sand whose first touch of the match, a header, bypassed West and whose second, a right-footed shot, settled in the bottom corner. Nigeria's hopes had gone west.

SUBSTITUTIONS Nigeria: Yekini for Kanu, 65min; Babangida for Lawal, 73. **Denmark:** Sand for Moller, 69min; Wieghorst for B Laudrup, 78; Frandsen for M Laudrup, 84
BOOKED Nigeria: Okocha. **Denmark:** Riiper
REFEREE: U Meier (Switzerland)



No contest . . . Peter Moller of Denmark beats Taribo West to a high ball last night PHOTOGRAPH: REMY DE LA MAUVINIER



Through-balls in vogue, says Fifa technical expert

MORE goals are being scored from through-balls at the World Cup thanks to the rule change on tackles from behind, Fifa's technical expert Gerard Houllier said yesterday.

Houllier, the former French national team coach, said a detailed analysis of play in the first round of the finals showed several other trends including an increase in goals scored following corners, a greater number of goals scored by midfielders and fewer strikes from outside the penalty area than in the 1994 tournament.

Houllier, describing Italy's Christian Vieri as the best striker on view in France so far, said his goal against Norway from a long through-ball was a classic example of how the tackle from behind rule was helping the game.

"Before, Vieri would probably have been brought down before he could shoot," he said. "Now defenders know they will get a red card if they tackle from behind."

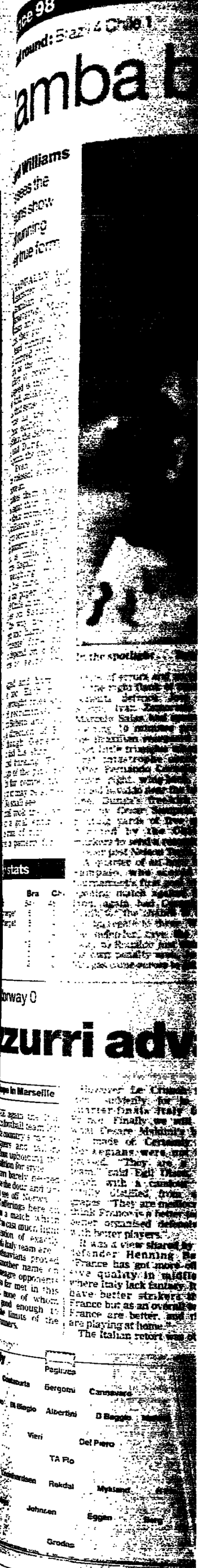
Fifa's panel of experts studying play in France, which includes Rinus Michels of the Netherlands and Houllier himself, had noticed players' technical standards had risen appreciably since 1994 as had their athletic prowess. He said most teams in France played a 3-5-2 formation and that the main change since 1994 was that practically all had abandoned the tactic of pressing or systematically harrying the opposition to stop them building attacks. Only Scotland had continued to use pressing, he said.

Many teams were using a libero in front of defence, often an important player who acted as team leader. He cited Argentina's Matias Almeyda, Brazil's Dunga and Didier Deschamps of France as the leading players in this role.

Houllier said the players who had most impressed him personally were Vieri, the Argentinian midfielder Ariel Ortega and France's defender Marcel Desailly.

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Samba band lay down rapid rhythm

Richard Williams in Paris sees the champions show signs of running into their true form



In the spotlight . . . Ronaldo spreads his wings after scoring a penalty during Brazil's victory against Chile at Parc des Princes PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

GRADUALLY the character of this Brazilian side is emerging. More than any of their predecessors, they put a premium on hard running. Finesse and unpredictability remain part of the formula but the ability to cover the ground at speed is the main ingredient. And, unlike any of their rivals, that sense of high velocity runs all the way through their outfield players, with Aldair, the defensive fulcrum, and Dunga, the watchful captain, the only exceptions. Even Junior Baiano, the colossal stopper, can get a move on.

If this makes them a less voluptuous sight than in the past, since their moments of technical brilliance are now more likely to occur as part of a dazzling pattern of movement, that is unlikely to worry Mario Zagallo. What will be weighing more heavily on his mind, after what looks on paper like a thrashing of Chile in the Parc des Princes on Saturday night, is the way his side were nagged and harried by their opponents' forwards and had to depend on defensive errors to seize the initiative.

They nagged and harried each other, too. Each misplaced pass brought cries and gestures of recrimination, usually from Bebeto, and usually in the direction of Rivaldo, although General Dunga also did his share of parade-ground barking. This may be a sign of the players' fierce desire for competitive perfection, or it may be something else. We shall see.

When Brazil took the lead, it was with a goal entirely against the run of play but one that set a pattern for a series of errors and accidents on the right flank of their opponents' defence. Jose Luis Sierra, Ivan Zamorano and Marcelo Salas had spent the opening 10 minutes probing the Brazilian rearguard with neat little triangles when the first catastrophe occurred. After Fernando Cornejo, the eager right wing-back, had fouled Rivaldo near the touchline, Dunga's free-kick was met by Cesar Sampaio, exploiting yards of free space donated by the Chilean markers to send a resounding header past Nelson Tapia.

A quarter of an hour later Sampaio, who scored the tournament's first goal in the opening match against Scotland, again had Cornejo to thank for the chance to take his aggregate to three. When the defender gave the ball away to Ronaldo just outside his own penalty area, Javier Margas came across to get his body in the way of the Brazilian just outside the area. Roberto Carlos clipped the free-kick into the wall but Bebeto's instinctive touch on the rebound made Sampaio's finish a formality.

Two minutes into injury-time at the end of the first half another blunder forced Tapia to throw himself at Ronaldo's legs. Zamorano rushed up to give the goalkeeper a few tips on his Internazionale club-mate's penalty technique but the information enabled Tapia to do no more than get an unavailing glove on the ball as Ronaldo registered his second goal of the tournament.

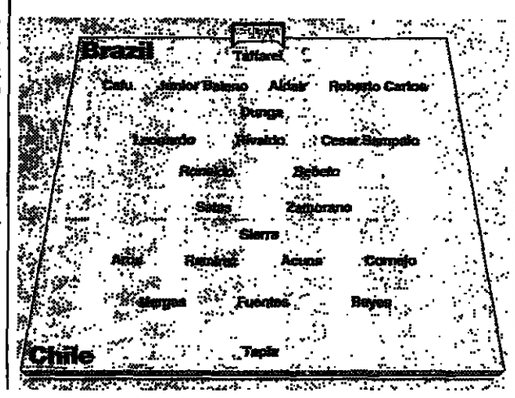
Oddly the most impressive player on the pitch at this point was Margas, the tall red-rinsed sweeper who was reading Ronaldo's movements with patience and perception. Winning his 51st cap, the 29-year-old looks an excellent prospect for West Ham, whom he joins from Universidad Catolica next season. But mistakes were being made which he was powerless to rectify.

After Denilson replaced Bebeto 20 minutes into the second half the entertainment value of the game took a leap. Ronaldo had just smashed a drive against the post and Roberto Carlos had skimmed the bar with another free-kick when Salas pulled a goal back, nodding in the loose ball after Taffarel could do no more than push Zamorano's header into his path in the 68th minute.

Chile were trying hard to get something out of their first appearance in the knock-out stage since 1962 but Brazil's three-goal lead was restored within a couple of minutes when Denilson found Ronaldo, who was allowed to proceed from what looked like an offside position on the right and sidefoot home while Margas vainly remonstrated with the linesman.

As if stung by Denilson's appearance, the much criticised Rivaldo made his most exciting contribution to the game with a splendid break which ended in an un-Brazilian way when Junior Baiano, racing into the Chilean area to meet a perfect pass, fell over the ball.

Six minutes from time, after more good work by Denilson down the left, Ronaldo missed his hat-trick when he met Roberto Carlos's low cross at speed, sending in a shot that cannoned back off the crossbar. A minute later his unselfishness was on show when he made a good position for himself close to goal but, seeing Rivaldo in a better one, passed the ball instead, only to see another opportunity wasted. By this time, however, the Brazilians were just having fun, waiting for the final whistle. And outside, in the streets skirting the Bois de Boulogne, the samba bands were warming up for a celebration.



SUBSTITUTIONS Brazil: Denilson for Bebeto, 65; Gonçalves for Aldair, 78min **Chile:** Estay for Ramirez, h-t; Vega for Sierra, h-t; Muerri for Acuna, 80.
BOOKED Brazil: Leonardo, Cafu. **Chile:** Fuentes, Tapia.
REFEREE: M Batta (France).

Match stats

	Bra	Chi
Possession	54%	46%
Attempts on target	5	6
Attempts off target	8	4
Corners	1	4
Fouls	19	12
Offsides	3	3
Bookings	2	2

Blatter backs Africa for 2006

ENGLAND's hopes of holding the 2006 World Cup finals appeared to suffer a setback in Paris when the new Fifa president Sepp Blatter declared that Africa would be the next logical choice to stage the tournament after Asia in 2002.

Although the final decision will be taken by the executive committee in 2000, such a comment by the president must lift the four African bidders' chances of success ahead of England and Germany. Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria and South Africa have all put in a bid to host the 2006 finals.

"The World Cup was hosted in the USA in '94, has come to Europe in '98 and is going to Asia in 2002, so the logical approach would be to go to Africa in 2006."

Unlike his predecessor Joao Havelange, who openly supports South Africa, Blatter has not backed any particular country yet.

Nigeria are scheduled to stage the World Youth Championship next April, hosting 24 teams, which they hope will work in their favour and reinforce their bid.

There had been doubts that the Nigerian Football Association would be able to stage the event. A Fifa delegation will visit Nigeria in August to assess how much progress has been made.

Blatter has ruled out cutting back on the number of World Cup finalists despite criticism that the same countries dominate the tournament. "We'll stay with 32 countries for 2002," he said yesterday.

He also said Japan and Korea would operate the same system as France 98 of having teams playing in different cities, although for the first round Korea and Japan would have 16 teams each based in their countries.

None of the Asian countries survived the first round in France and only Nigeria of the five African finalists qualified for the second round, along with 11 European teams and four of the six Latin American sides. Spain were the only seeded country to get knocked out.

Italy 1 Norway 0

Azzurri advance by going backwards

Martin Thorpe in Marseille

ONCE again the Italian football team left the country's car designers and tailors to worry about upholding the nation's tradition for style.

The Azzurri barely needed to rise above the dour and uninspired to see off Norway's constipated offerings here on Saturday, in a match which again failed to cast much light on the question of exactly how good this Italy team are.

The Scandinavians proved to be just another name on the list of meagre opponents Italy have so far met in this tournament, none of whom have been good enough to truly test the limits of the three-time winners.

However Le Crunch will come suddenly, for in the quarter-finals Italy face France. Finally we will see what Cesare Maldini's boys are made of. Certainly the Norwegians were not impressed. "They are a bad team," said Egil Olsen, the coach with a candour not totally distilled from sour grapes. "They are mediocre. I think France is a better team, better organised defensively with better players."

It was a view shared by the defender Henning Berg. "France has got more offensive quality in midfield, where Italy lack fantasy. Italy have better strikers than France but as an overall team France are better, and they are playing at home."

The Italian retort was obvious. "If we are a bad team what does that make the Norwegians?" offered the captain Paolo Maldini.

Norway were not a pretty sight. Olsen persisted in playing the midfield as a wet blanket with Tore Andre Flo as a toiling lone striker. And although the beanpole received more support from midfield than in the 1–1 draw with Scotland, he was easily marked, and largely ineffective.

Norway did create two chances, a Berg header which went wide early on and then, 18 minutes from time, Flo's close-range downward header which was brilliantly saved, one-handed on the line, by Gianluca Pagliuca. But this negative team did not deserve to equalise, having already received enough first-round gifts from the profligate Scots and the half-pace, already qualified Brazilians.

"Norway are not a football team," said the Italy sweeper Giuseppe Bergomi. "They don't play football. Even when they were 1–0 down they didn't want to play."

Perhaps Norway were disorientated. Once Italy took the lead after 18 minutes the Norwegians may have been the only people on the planet who did not expect them to sit back on it. "They defended very deep and gave us a lot of space in midfield," said Olsen. "That surprised us."

As Maldini Junior more realistically put it: "When we went 1–0 up they expected us to come and attack but what do they think we are, stupid?"

In assessing Italy one can certainly say that in nearly all their games so far, though against average opponents, there have been spells of 15 to 20 minutes when the team have been on the rack. One cannot say this about, for instance, Argentina or, despite yesterday, France.

Norway's purple patch towards the end was largely due to Italians tiring in the heat, but even so one has to wonder what damage more classy teams could inflict. One less suspect area of the side, though, is up front, where Christian Vieri continues to ply his trade with an efficiency that has made him the competition's top scorer so far with five goals.

Match stats

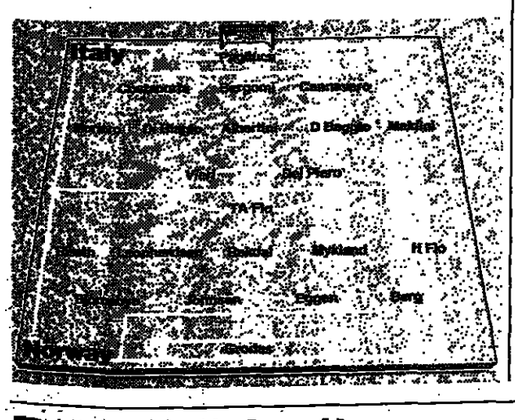
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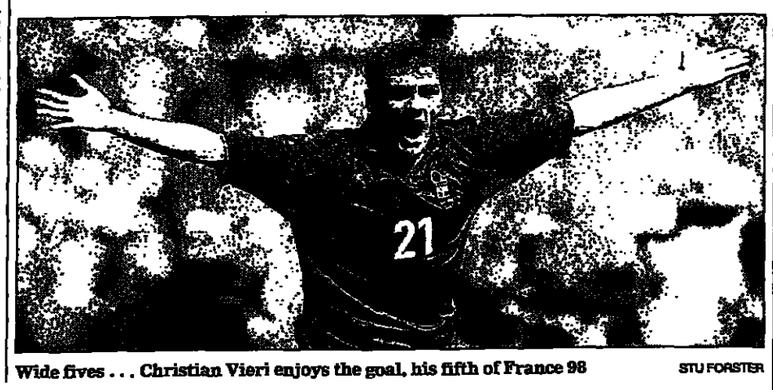
Vieri's winner came when Tore Andre Flo tried to take on too many defenders, lost the ball and Italy broke quickly. The midfielder Luigi Di Biagio — outstanding in the first half, anonymous in the second — played an early ball fully 40 yards perfectly into the path of Vieri, running in the inside-right channel.

Though covered by Dan Eggen and threatened with an incoming tackle, Vieri kept his eyes steadfastly on the ball while at the same time beating Eggen for pace, unleashing a right-foot shot across the goalkeeper and into the far corner.

Italy created three other good chances but Frode Grodas smartly saved two of them while Alessandro Dei Piero squeezed the other an inch past the post. It was as close as this Friday's quarter-final in St Denis threatens to be.

SUBSTITUTIONS Italy: Di Livio for Moriero, 63min; Pesaotto for Albertini, 72; Chiesa for Del Piero, 77.
Norway: Strand for Leonhardsen, 12 min; Solbakken for Strand, 39; Solskjaer for H Flo, 72.
Booked Italy: Moriero, Di Biagio, Maldini. **Norway:** H Flo, Myhland, Rekdal.
Referee: B Heynemann (Germany).





Wide fives . . . Christian Vieri enjoys the goal, his fifth of France 98 STU FORSTER

Acosta goes the way of all beaten coaches for lack of Chile ambition

CHILE's coach Nelson Acosta has announced he will leave his post at the end of the year. He revealed his decision shortly after his side had been put out of the World Cup by Brazil on Saturday.

Acosta, who led his country to the World Cup finals for the first time in 16 years, cited a lack of ambition within the organisation of football in Chile as the main factor behind his resignation, saying it did not allow the development of a truly competitive national side.

"There are people who are going to say, 'Fine, that's good, we can go on like this for another 16 years, doing the same things,' he said.

"Well, I'm not available for that, to keep on and not have the possibility of making progress, or at least making the attempt . . . I've said that I will finish on December 31."

Beware Italians with healthy lashings of paranoia

Nobody loves them much now but that's the way they like it, reports **Paddy Agnew**

A MIMEZ-VOUS l'Italie? It seems not everybody does. Midway through the second half at the Stade Vélodrome on Saturday, the Norwegian fans and French neutrals present were jeering them.

Earlier the Tannoy announcer called on the Italian fans to "behave themselves". To crown it all, the Norway coach Egil 'Drillo' Olsen announced afterwards that Italy had not impressed him much.

Italian detractors beware, however. As the celebrated example of 1982 illustrates, there is nothing which puts a bit of pep into the Italian step so much as a healthy dose of paranoia.

Paolo Maldini, one day after his 30th birthday, summed it up. "If Olsen says that Italy didn't impress him much, that's no problem. We're into the next round and the Norwegians are on the plane home. No problem.

"If you look at the way they played it just makes me laugh. They are losing 1–0, they have to win the game and they sit back and wait for us to come at them so that they can hit us on the counter-attack. You know, we're not stupid . . ."

The French spectators were not stupid, either. They wanted Norway to go through and provide France with a soft quarter-final.

"As for the announcement during the game, I couldn't really hear what was being said but it's a scandal to compare Italian fans to hooligans, just scandalous," the captain added.

Those not familiar with Italian ways who hoped to see an open, attractive game might have been disappointed by Saturday's spectacle — and there is no denying Brazil provided much more exciting fare later in their 4–1 win over Chile — but as far as the Italian camp is concerned it is a case of "you're looking just fine, Mr Maldini". Indeed the coach's post-match analysis provided the quintessential Italian view: "We rarely looked like conceding a goal. We created three or four good chances ourselves and, as far as I am concerned, our win was totally deserved."

Indeed so, but the next stop presents much more serious opposition in the shape of France in Paris. Given Alessandro Del Piero's below-par performances against Norway and Austria, will Roberto Baggio come back into the reckoning? For the time being Cesare Maldini says he is fully satisfied with Del Piero.

By Friday he may have changed his mind even if nowadays it is a less pressing issue. In truth, the Italian coach no longer asks himself "Del Piero or Baggio?" but rather "Who alongside Vieri"?

Gigi Riva, the coach's right-hand man, was another satisfied onlooker. Asked about France and the Del Piero-Baggio debate he smiled and replied: "God sees and God provides." Now work that one out.

Clogger

Pick of the World Cup week

Man of the week
Italy's striker Christian Vieri, who kept up his record of scoring in every game against Norway and even made time for a spot of meditation before the restart.

Best sport
You'd hardly have known Norway had been eliminated, judging by their bubbly coach Egil Olsen at the press conference afterwards. In answer to the second question — "Do you still defend your choice to use just one striker?" — Olsen mumbled "yes" and walked out.

Game of the week
Nigeria v Paraguay was a throwback to the good old days when teams who had already qualified gave conspiracy theorists every excuse to cry foul. Has the Eagles' coach Bora Milutinovic been speaking to Alex "Coca-Cola Cup" Ferguson?

Most puzzling
Interrogation
"If Michael Owen was the Beatles and Teddy Sheringham the Rolling Stones, which one would you sing in the shower: Twist and Shout or Satisfaction?" A Canadian hack's attempt to find out who Glenn Hoddle had chosen up front against Colombia.

Face in the crowd
Seeing off Prince Harry (out of his seat with both arms aloft as Beckham's free-kick hits the back of the net) and, by some distance, Michel Platini (pathetic attempt at Mexican wave during the Brazil-Chile game) was Ronaldo's girlfriend, Suzana Werner. Snappers even provided a close-up of her engagement ring (left).

Worst World Cup moan
Tim Henman, angered at hearing "pseudo" tennis fans cooing and aahing into their pocket radios during his first-round match at Wimbledon, which coincided with the England-Romania game. "To be honest it irritated me," he said. "It's a 'come on' with a negative edge to it — we want to watch the football."

Finest haircare
Chile's radical redhead Javier Margas was comprehensively outshone by Dan Petrescu (below) and the rest of those crazy kids from the Romanian squad. The blonde ambition of the Group G winners was the product of a bet with their coach Anghel Iordanescu and not, as Jimmy Hill opined, a ploy to heighten the visibility of team-mates.

Fan of the week
Nutty Romanian engineer Ioan Moldovan who, according to his wife, spends four hours a day with his head in the bath to help his country win the World Cup. He has apparently told psychiatrists he is "Romania's only human amphibian".



France 98

'Sexy' image of Brazilians more tragic than magic



Harry Pearson

THE opening fortnight of the World Cup has raised many questions. Why does Emil Kostadinov choose to roam the field in white winklepickers? Was the jeering of the Iranian fans which drowned out the Stade Garland PA system during the playing of "New York, New York" anti-Americanism or a reaction to the music of the Great Satan himself, Frank Sinatra?

What was going through the mind of the Lyon shopkeeper who chose to decorate his window with a two-inch model of Paul Gascoigne standing next to a sturdy-looking brassiere? Most importantly, are Brazil rubbish? To the latter at least I feel I can provide an answer — yes, they are.

The Brazil team undoubtedly have many fine players. They have Rivaldo, Denilson and Ronaldo, currently the game's greatest star, though a feeling is growing that the Internazionale forward actually exists only to give French TV an excuse to show pictures of his blonde girlfriend Suzana Werner.

They also have Junior Baiano, who is courageously waging a one-man war against national stereotyping by swinging his mighty feet at the ball with all the finesse of a clumsy schoolboy absent-mindedly whacking nettles with a stick. Baiano labours in vain, of course; when a Brazilian hoofs a ball into touch it is not decried as rusticism but interpreted as a failed banana kick and hailed as magical. Seduced by the yellow glow, people are predisposed to see flair and fantasy in everything the Brazilians do. During the opening game of the tournament Archie McPherson felt moved to comment that the world champions were producing football that was "almost flamboyant".

Well, yes, Archie — almost as flamboyant as an Amish funeral.

The main problem with Brazil is not on the field but off it. In the 18th century Charles-Joseph, the Marechal de Ligne, wrote: "Every man has two countries, his own and France." If the Marechal were alive today I like to think he would amend his aphorism to read: "Every saddo has two football teams, his own and Brazil."

There is compelling evidence in this World Cup that the Brazilians, like Europe's great club sides — Real Madrid, Juventus, Manchester United — have become a beacon that draws in the socially inadequate from far and wide — the loveless, the loners and the loonies who believe that pulling on a replica shirt with CBF on the chest will fill some gaping void in their lives or, at the very least, give them a sense of rhythm.

One sees people all over France in Brazil shirts and not many of them are speaking Portuguese. This is no doubt great news for Nike, Brazil's pesky kit manufacturer, but I suspect it is a pain in the neck for genuine Brazilians, squeezed out of the stadia by the glory-seekers who have clamped themselves, like the molluscs they are, to the sexy image of the men in yellow and green.

Brazil are not the only country to be hijacked in this way. It is reliably reported from Germany that hundreds of Bundes-hippies have been trundling around France in support of Jamaica, emphasising their One Worldness by cheering for Robbie Earle, saying "ganja" a lot and skanking in an embarrassing manner to the tunes of Bob Marley.

Perhaps the presence of these pseudo-Brazilians explains why the crowd are so quiet and passionless at Brazil's matches. Certainly in this World Cup the Spanish, the Mexicans and the Danes have produced far more noise, while the Japanese have done just as much syncopated chanting and still had the energy to pick up their rubbish afterwards.

THE tournament's best bit of dancing came not from any of Brazil's vaunted terrace samba-merchants but from an elderly Colombian with the plastic helmet of an English policeman perched atop his pate. This gentleman livened up the minutes before his country's clash with Tunisia by executing a delightful soft-shoe shuffle to the strains of La Bamba, his vast, gelatinous waistline bobbing in contrapuntal rhythm to the motions of his feet, each of which was the size of a luxury bidet.

The Brazilians have offered us nothing so entertaining, but it hardly matters. They will, in all probability, win the World Cup. Their performances will be as ruthlessly efficient as their demolitions of Morocco and Chile, yet will be trumpeted as the stuff of dreams. And in years to come, when you tell people that you were in France in 1998 and that Sol Campbell dribbled past more opponents than Roberto Carlos, nobody will believe you.



On his marks . . . Darren Anderton pauses in training at La Baule yesterday as England get set for Argentina in St Etienne tomorrow PHOTOGRAPH: ROSS KINNAIRD

Hoddle looks for balancing act

David Lacey finds the England coach relishing the chance to get a grievance out of his system against Argentina tomorrow

IN the World Cup England are either approaching a new dawn or moving towards the edge of darkness. By midnight tomorrow the nation will either be exultant or cast down. And in some minds Glenn Hoddle is about to be lauded as a wise redeemer or cursed as an incompetent novice.

Only two of England's World Cup opponents regularly provoke such extreme attitudes. One is Germany, whom Hoddle's team cannot now meet until the final. The other is Argentina, who in St Etienne tomorrow evening will be widely expected to stop England reaching the quarter-finals.

On paper losing to Romania in Toulouse and finishing second in Group G could cost England dear. In winning Group H Daniel Passarella's Argentinians did not drop a point or concede a goal while scoring seven themselves. In fact they have kept clean sheets in each of their last eight matches.

And, while England have won on two of the three previous occasions that they have met Argentina in the World Cup, it is the manner of their defeat in the 1986 quarter-finals in Mexico which will add a strident chord to the renewal of acquaintances in the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium tomorrow night.

That was the game where Argentina took the lead after Diego Maradona's fist punched the ball past Peter Shilton early in the second half, Ali Bennaceur, the Tunisian referee, allowing the goal to stand. Four minutes later, as if to purge himself of guilt, Maradona dribbled past four English defenders to score one of the greatest goals in the tournament's history. Eventually England lost 2-1 after Gary Lineker had headed one goal and narrowly missed getting another.

In English eyes that defeat was brought about by the Hand of God, not the feet of a genius, and the moment still rankles with Hoddle who was playing in Bobby Robson's team that day. "The second goal was a fantastic goal but it would never have been scored had the score still been 0-0," the England coach said yesterday.

"I've never used the word revenge. It's a horrible word and I don't like it. Redressing the balance is what I'm talking about, turning that result around and getting it out of our systems.

"I'm sure Peter Reid and other players who were involved that day would love to be in the England camp now. I'm fortunate. I was one who was involved and that moment has stayed with us for a long time."

If the strength of Hoddle's feelings about a match that took place 12 years ago is transmitted to his players tomorrow, then England may well establish themselves as the 1998 tournament's dark horses by removing one of the Big Four nations for whom success in the World Cup is a regular habit. Argentina have won the prize twice and appeared in four finals; only Brazil, Italy and the Germans have done better.

> The moment still rankles. 'It has been with us for a long time'

Two of the reasons Passarella's side will be expected to beat England again are named Gabriel Batistuta and Ariel Ortega, the hammer and sickle of Argentina's attack. Batistuta has already scored four times in France and much will depend on England not allowing him one-to-one confrontations with Tony Adams. A fit Gareth Southgate will surely be recalled to support Adams, leaving Gary Neville among the substitutes once more.

Yesterday Hoddle acknowledged the danger facing his defence. "Batistuta is their main goal threat," he said, "and he has Ortega playing off him or just behind him. What I like about Batistuta is that he just seems to get on with his work. Passarella has got that running through his team; they're good players and they've got good character.

"Batistuta thrives on the quick ball played through to him, so we'll have to be vigilant. His movement off the ball is excellent and like any great striker he has that nose for a goal once he is in the 18-yard box and can sniff out anything. He'll pounce on any mistakes."

Not that Hoddle is likely to go into tomorrow's match in quite the neutral frame of mind with which he approached the game against Romania when David Beckham, controversially dropped for the opening match with Tunisia in Marseille, was introduced to the midfield only after Paul Ince had been forced off with an ankle injury 12 minutes before half-time.

While Hoddle could hardly be blamed for the defensive somnambulance which led to both Romania's goals, and in particular Dan Petrescu's winner in stoppage time, a strategy that never quite forgot the safety of a draw will be remembered if England fail to make it past the second round.

This could have something to do with Hoddle's insistence, ever since England roundly defeated Colombia 2-0 in Lens on Friday, that he had always preferred the idea of playing Argentina, rather than Croatia, in the second phase. "In many ways we're stronger when we've got our backs to the wall a little bit," he said yesterday. "Psychologically this suits rather than the other way round.

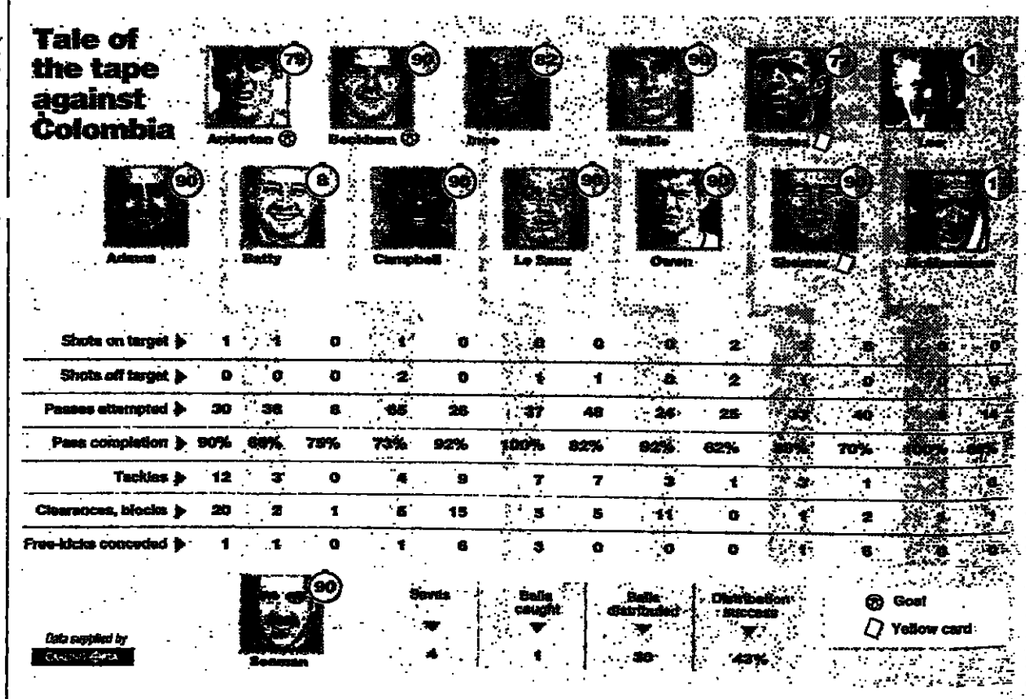
"A lot of people would have expected us to beat Croatia but Argentina are a fancied side. In fact many have fancied them to win the tournament." Better anyway to go out to a nation with a powerful World Cup track record than a set of check tablecloths.

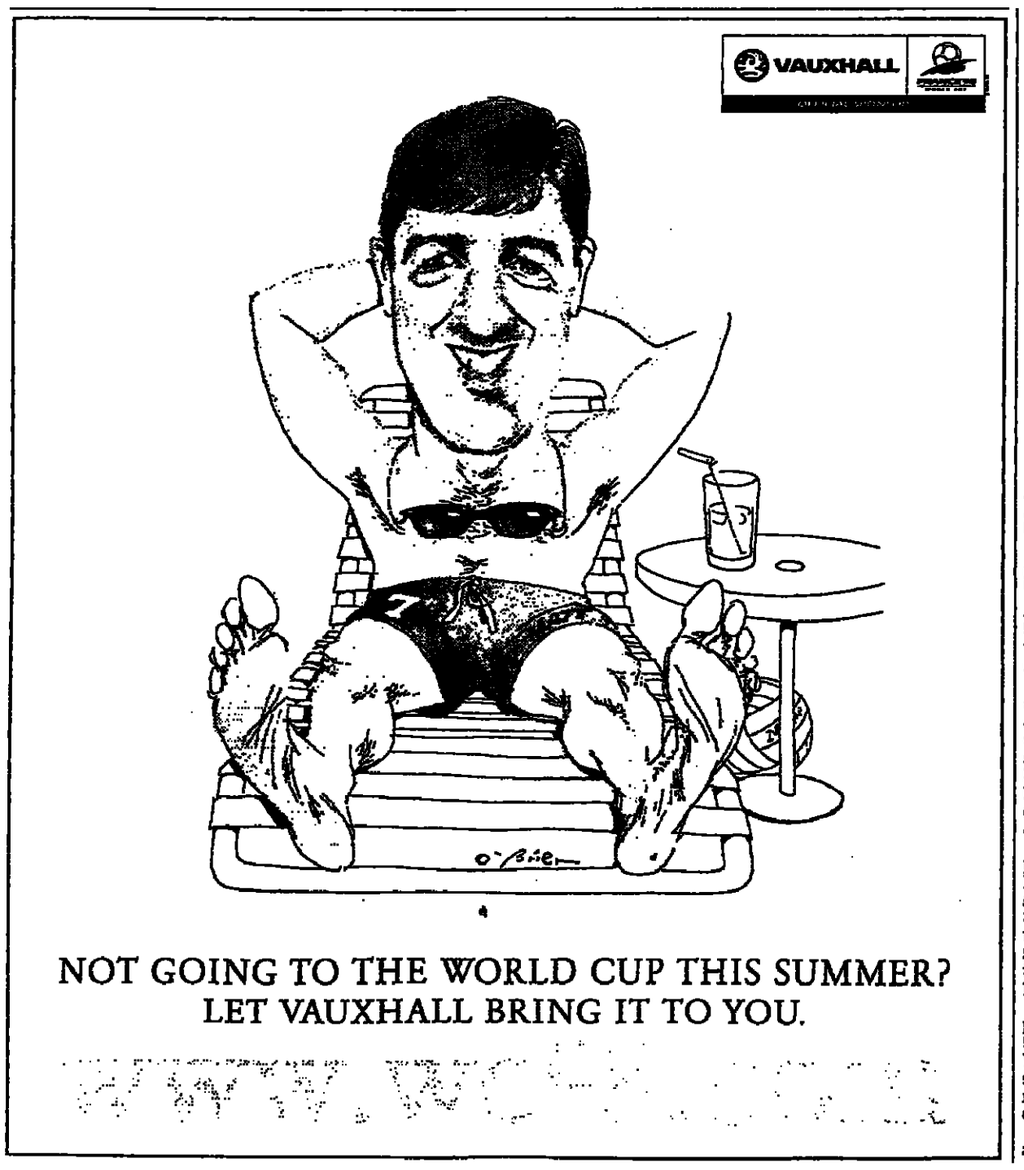
Clearly Hoddle is setting much store by the confidence which creating so many scoring chances against the Colombians has engendered in his players. All the signs are that Beckham will keep his place in midfield alongside Ince. Recalling David Batty would merely tell Passarella that England were nervous about taking on Matias Almeyda, Marcelo Gallardo, Javier Zanetti et al with only one minder to hand.

"Young David [Beckham] does nick the ball well," Hoddle enthused yesterday, "and he does close people down. He knows when to lay off people and when to close them down as they're receiving the ball. This is a part of his game which is getting stronger and stronger."

All the same, Beckham was brought back to give England style rather than another Stiles. Tomorrow's outcome in St Etienne will decide whether or not he was brought back in time.

Tale of the tape against Colombia





Holland v Yugoslavia

Dutch to start with Seedorf

Martin Thorpe in Toulouse

TO describe Yugoslavia as a Jekyll and Hyde team would have been enough, but one of the local papers here was not content with such simple analogies. "They can be as brilliant as the eyes of Bette Davis," it wrote, "or as dreary as a schoolyard in July."

Flowery stuff, but this is precisely the puzzle facing Holland tonight: which Yugoslavia will run out at the Stade Municipal, the one that took Germany apart for 60 minutes in the first round or the one that laboured against Iran and the United States?

The winners of this game play either England or Argentina in the quarter-finals and Yugoslavia, with their potent striker Predrag Mijatovic recovered from injury, are confident they can get there.

"Bergkamp and Overmars are in great form," says the defender Slobodan Komljenovic, "but if we can reproduce those 60 minutes against Germany we can win. Holland are an attacking team and play openly. That is something we can profit from."

The new spirit of racial camaraderie in the Dutch camp appears to be holding and for once this collection of outstanding players are performing as a team.

The two late goals they conceded in their final Group E game against Mexico should not be taken too seriously because by then Holland, 2-0 up and already qualified, had taken their foot off the pedal.

Guus Hiddink sprang a surprise yesterday when he named the midfielder Clarence Seedorf, so often a regular omission, in the starting line-up for the dropped Wim Jonk.

The Dutch coach has stuck by Philip Cocu up front although Patrick Kluivert is available after suspension.

Germany v Mexico

Vogts to stick with tearful Ziege

Adrian Warner

JURGEN KLINSMANN is counting on Germany's experience of the big occasion to deflate a Mexican team bubbling with self-belief today in Montpellier and earn a quarter-final with Croatia or Romania.

"When it's all or nothing, we're at our best. We thrive on pressure," the German captain said. "If we get our act together, lift our rhythm, and start pressing I don't see any side capable of beating us."

Mexico's tremendous spirit enabled them to come back from behind in all three of their Group E matches and they have fostered a jaunty air of invincibility. Klinsmann for one insisted he was not underestimating them.

"I've been very impressed by them. But we have the experience and when it comes down to the knockout stage, this a great advantage."

Germany's coach Berti Vogts is yet to decide whether Olaf Thon or Lothar Matthäus — who "did not do what he was supposed to" in the first half of the Group F final against Iran — will be given the midfield general role this afternoon. But he will probably stand by the left wing-back Christian Ziege, despite the persistent barracking of the Milan player during the 2-2 draw with Yugoslavia.

"Christian has lost his confidence. Supporters said some very nasty things to him and he had tears in his eyes as he came in," said Vogts.

Mexico will miss the midfielder Jesus Ramirez, suspended after his dismissal against Holland, but the defender Pavel Pardo returns from a one-match ban.

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Rugby Union

Second Test: New Zealand 40 England 10

England go forwards but still lacking behind

Robert Armstrong in Auckland on a brave display to lift the spirits before South Africa

ENGLAND were still smiling in adversity when they flew to South Africa yesterday for the final leg of their tour after a courageous performance in the second Test at Eden Park on Saturday. They gave their opponents such a fierce pounding up front that the All Blacks are currently unable to name a team for their next Test, against Australia in Melbourne on July 11, because of the injuries they sustained.

It was hard to believe that England, who dominated play for long periods for an hour, lost by a 30-point margin but their coach Clive Woodward was still able to joke: "At least we haven't peaked too early." Woodward's gallows humour was the best response to the latest episode in the "Tour from Hell", which looks certain to end with a seventh successive defeat when they meet the Springboks in Cape Town on Saturday.

England's taxing 32-hour journey via Hong Kong is hardly ideal preparation and New Zealand's coach John Hart pointed out that "administrative bungling" by the RFU had put Woodward under unnecessary pressure.

Despite the embarrassing margins of England's defeats during their three weeks in New Zealand Woodward believes his players will emerge stronger for the experience. He picked out the captain Matt Dawson, the hooker Richard Cockerill and the back-row forwards Ben Clarke and Tony Diprose, who had his best game to date, as the mainstays of the tour. He also praised newcomers such as Josh Lewsey, Tom Beim and Pat Sanderson.

He might also have mentioned the Gloucester second-rows, Dave Sims and Rob Fidler, who showed genuine international ability in most phases of forward play. The recognised Test locks, Martin Johnson, Danny Grewcock and Garath Archer, who may be fit to face the Springboks, will be pushed hard for their places next season, as will the flankers Neil Back, Richard Hill and Lawrence Dallaglio.

Woodward feels his players will be stronger for their tour experience

Woodward was scathing about the stay-at-home brigade. "There is a bunch of guys who let down themselves and their country who will be anxious to bounce back. The tour has shaken everyone up."

Hart, now focusing on the more demanding Tri-Nations series, believes only tours involving the British Lions have a viable future. "International rugby is now about structured competition not touring; we need to agree on a global season. We also need to set up a second-tier international competition to give developing nations something to aim for. We need 20 nations who are capable of winning the World Cup."

Such a radical vision of world rugby is a far cry from the inward-looking concerns of the English game, which are likely to continue frustrating Woodward next season for minutes at a time and playing close to the gain line. Hart complained that England slowed the ball down but this was a case of the pot calling the kettle All Black. As usual, New Zealand stood offside with impunity whenever England threatened.

The downside of England's challenge was the lack of variety in their back play which gave New Zealand time to cover the gaps. Jos Baxendell certainly made his mark as an enterprising playmaker at fly-half on his Test debut and Lewsey also performed heroics in defence, yet England still looked like plodders whenever they needed to change the point of attack.

England's hopes were undermined by an early shoulder injury to Austin Healey, who was not replaced until late on. The Leicester player missed crucial tackles on Jeff Wilson whose brace of tries prompted Hart to describe him as "the best rugby player in the world, a man who creates opportunities out of nothing". Compared to Wilson, Jonah Lomu on the left wing was slow and ineffectual.

New Zealand did enjoy great success in their use of substitutes. If Wilson was the lethal finisher, then Carlos Spencer, who came on in the 48th minute, was the catalyst who stung the All Blacks out of their lethargy with pinpoint kicking, sudden breaks and excellent distribution.

England's points all came from Dawson, who provided the high point with a superb short-range try. Yet once Spencer took control the All Blacks looked capable of scoring from any part of the field and they added four tries and 26 points in the last 28 minutes. England's assistant coach John Mitchell acknowledged that England had run out of steam and he issued an ominous warning: "If the players thought this was tough, just wait until they get to South Africa."

SCORERS: New Zealand: Tries: Wilson 2, Mayerhofler, Vidiri, Maka, Randell. Conversions: Mehrtens 2, Spencer 3. England: Try: Dawson. Conversion: Dawson. Penalty: Dawson.

NEW ZEALAND: Cullen (Wellington); Wilson (Otago), Ralph (Auckland), Mayerhofler (Canterbury; Spencer, Auckland, h-t), Lomu (Counties; Vidiri, Counties, 62min); Mehrtens (Canterbury), Tonu'u (Auckland); Dowd (Auckland), Oliver (Otago; Hoeft, Otago, 70), Brown (Auckland), Brooke (Auckland), Jones (North Harbour), Blackadder (Canterbury; Maka, Otago, 49), Kronfeld (Otago), Randell (Otago, capt).

ENGLAND: Perry (Bath); Beim (Sale; Stimpson, Leicester, 35), Baxt (Northampton), Lewsey (Bristol), Healey (Leicester; Greenwood, Saracens, 70); Rowntree (Sale), Dawson (Northampton, capt); Rowntree (Leicester), Cockerill (Leicester; Greening, Gloucester, 75), Vickery, Fidler, Sims (all Gloucester), Clarke (Richmond), Sanderson (Sale), Diprose (Saracens).

Referee: P Marshall (Australia).



Collar and tied . . . England's Tom Beim gets to grips with Jonah Lomu during the second Test PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID ROGERS

International match: South Africa 96 Wales 13

Union under fire as Wales crumble to record defeat

Paul Rees in Pretoria

ANOTHER tour of the southern hemisphere by Wales, another rout. Routed is an anagram of toured and in eight visits to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia since 1964, Wales have been destroyed each time.

South Africa would have reached three figures at Loftus Versfeld on Saturday night but the replacement hooker Naka Drotske knocked on in the Wales 25 with three men unmarked outside him in the final minute. The nervous nineties denied the Springboks their maiden century.

Wales knew long before they left for South Africa that they had no chance of winning the Test. With 25 players unavailable it was a case of seeking to emulate Ireland by keeping the score down through underhand means or going down valiantly by trying to play rugby. Wales chose the latter but were starved of possession.

South Africa destroyed them in the second half with clinical finishing when they scored 11 tries and 65 points at a rate of a point every 45 seconds, and that included a 10-minute spell in the third quarter when Wales not only held them out but scored a try.

"Our first-half performance was not that good," said South Africa's coach Nick Mallett, who had words with his players at the interval when they were only 31–6 ahead. "I had to remind the guys that they were playing one of the worst international teams I had ever seen."

Mallett said he felt no sense of euphoria. "Our three internationals against Ireland and Wales have been poor preparation for the Tri-Nations Series. I expect England to give us a much sterner examination on Saturday. There is no point in the Celtic nations coming here unless they learn.

"Wales do not have athletes at forward. To their credit they try to play rugby but for us it was always going to be a case of rewriting the record books. I do not believe the outcome would have been much different even if Wales had been at full strength. Every one of the Super 12 sides would have put 40 points on them."

Ten years ago Wales returned home from a humiliating tour of New Zealand with a plea from their then captain Jonathan Davies to be heard at the annual general meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union that week. He was told to keep quiet.

'The outcome would not have been different even if Wales had been at full strength.'

Davies was here as a media analyst. "You could not blame the players then and you should not now," he said. "The fault lies with the Welsh Rugby Union, which has failed to do anything to prepare players for tours like this."

The WRU will spend the next couple of weeks discussing the appointment of a full-time coach to succeed Kevin Bowring. Dennis John was in charge in a caretaker capacity on this tour but Wales are expected to employ someone from overseas, with the New Zealander Graham Henry the favourite.

"I am not sure that is the right way to go," said John. "Our problems run so deep that to expect one man to come in and make a material difference is the stuff of fantasy."

South Africa scored 15 tries and looked a much more creative side when the scrum-half Werner Swanepoel and the lock Bobby Skinstad were introduced after the interval. Joost van der Westhuizen slowed the game by constantly looking for options himself but he will announce next month that he will not be joining an English club, having decided to sign a record contract with the South African union.

It was, needless to say, a record defeat for a team representing a major union of the International Rugby Board and South Africa are Wales's next opponents, at Wembley in November.

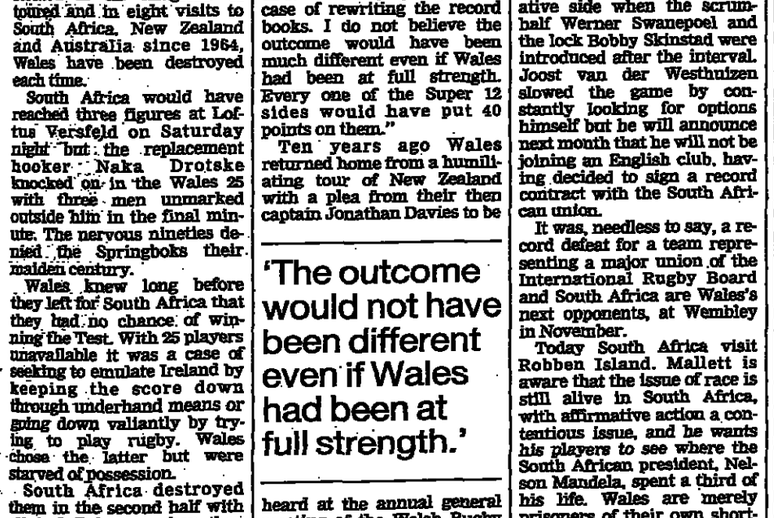
Today South Africa visit Robben Island. Mallett is aware that the issue of race is still alive in South Africa, with affirmative action a contentious issue, and he wants his players to see where the South African president, Nelson Mandela, spent a third of his life. Wales are merely prisoners of their own shortsightedness.

SCORERS: South Africa: Tries: Rossouw 3, Terblanche 2, Venter 2, Montgomery 2, Otto, Smith, Erasmus, Skinstad, Hendriks, Van der Westhuizen. Conversions: Montgomery 9. Penalties: Montgomery. Wales: Try: A Thomas. Conversion: A Thomas. Penalties: A Thomas 2.

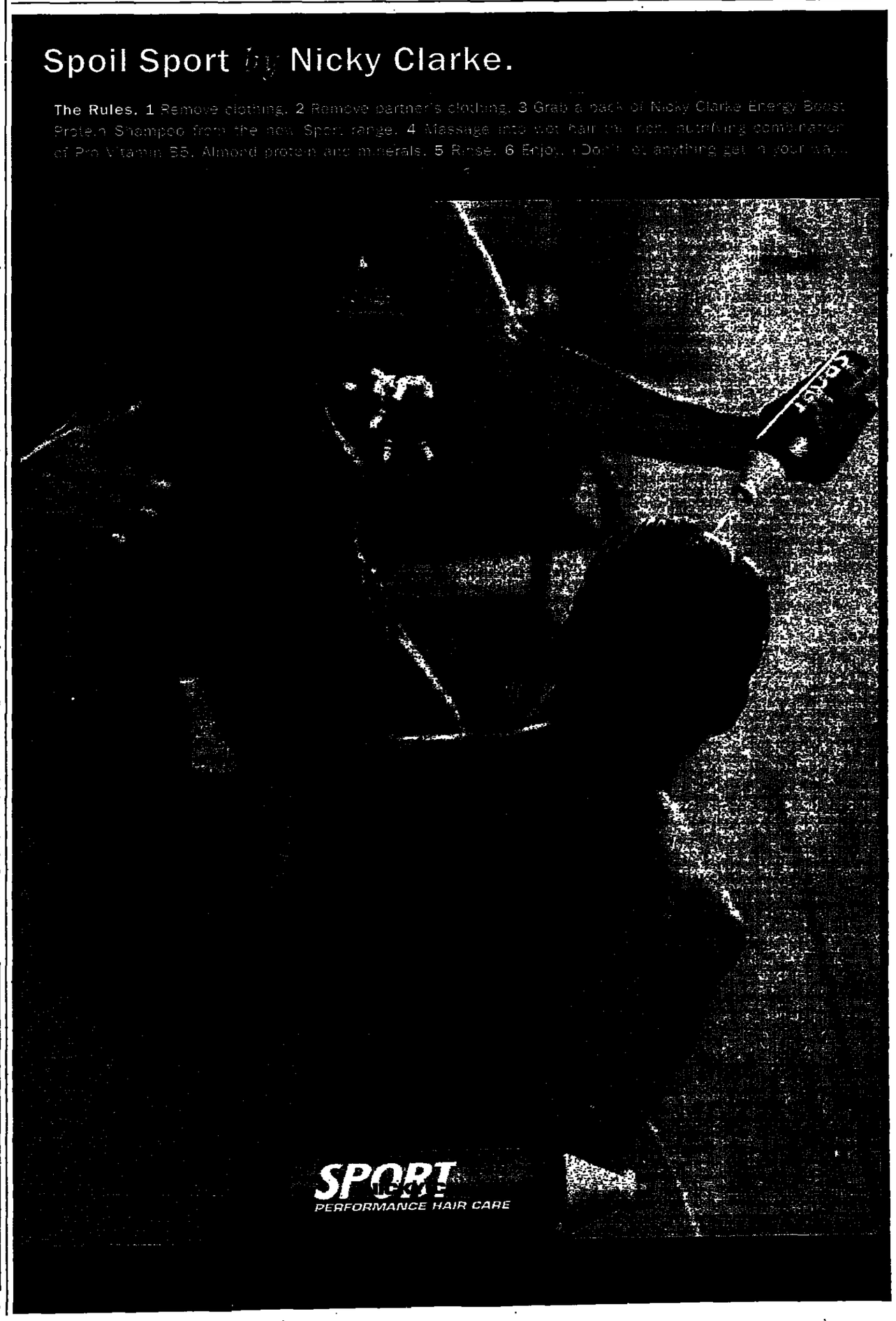
SOUTH AFRICA: Montgomery; Terblanche (Hendriks, 50min), Seymour, Muller (Honiball, 40), Rossouw; Smith, Van der Westhuizen (Swanepoel, 45); Kempson, Dalton (Drotske, 60), Garvey (Le Roux, 60), Andrews (Skinstad, 42), Otto, Erasmus, Venter, Theunissen (capt; Aitken, 60).

WALES: Hayward (Ebbw Vale; D Williams, Llanelli, 42); Thomas (Llanelli), Taylor (Swansea), Funnell (Ebbw Vale; S Jones, Llanelli, 51), James (Pontypridd); A Thomas (Swansea), P John (Pontypridd; D Llewellyn, Ebbw Vale, 77); Griffiths (Pontypridd), R Williams (Richmond; Jenkins, Swansea, 57), Davies (Richmond; Harris, Neath, 60), Gough (Newport), Moore (Swansea), N Thomas (Bath), K Jones (Ebbw Vale, capt; Wyatt, Llanelli, h-t), Charvis (Swansea; Lewis, Pontypridd, 73).

Referee: P O'Brien (New Zealand).



Run of the mill . . . Rossouw evades James for one of South Africa's 15 tries JUHAN KUUS



A game in search of a saviour

Detractors say the men's game is full of crushing bores with crashing serves, the women are no more than girls, and they are all getting paid far more than they deserve. So where to now for tennis? **Stephen Bierley** has a few suggestions



THE warning from Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov is brutally blunt. "Tennis has a big problem and is slowly going downhill. We definitely need to make some changes."

Nobody in their right mind would ever pretend that tennis, an essentially middle class game, could ever rival football or any other of the world's major sports in popularity. This year's Wimbledon has been notably obscured by the World Cup, although despite a third successive spell of indifferent weather the crowds have been good.

The four Grand Slams are thriving, yet fewer and fewer people throughout the world are playing the game. Kafelnikov's fears are well founded.

So here is what might be done.

The equipment



The trade names of the rackets and the advertising slogan say it all: The hammer. The power of light. Titanium technology. Thunderlight. Dominator. Power is everything and power, particularly in the men's game, is ruining tennis as a spectacle.

It is virtually impossible to tinker with grass, so Wimbledon suffers the most. Hard courts can be slowed down while clay is patently slower, although the trend in recent years has been to keep the top dressing to a mimimum to speed things up.

The weight of balls also varies, but tennis thrives on variety and all surfaces, fast or slow, can be accommodated. The major problem is racket technology. Many yearn for a return to the days of wood, but this is a pipe dream.

Nevertheless a radical rethink is imperative. If tennis rackets can be produced to "reduce shock and vibration", and to provide "higher swing speeds and more power" then it is surely not beyond the makers, in conjunction with the game's ruling bodies, to construct rackets which shift the emphasis away from power and back to artistry.

It is supposed to be a game of elegance and invention and if it takes a fortune to redevelop racket technology then it must be spent. Otherwise the money within the game will be lost anyway.

The rules



Philippe Chatrier, the former president of the International Tennis Federation, regarded the service ace as an abomination. He believed tennis should be a conversation, with the serve no more than hello. The ace he saw as a full stop.

Tennis rules have changed very little in modern times, the most radical being the introduction of the tie-break. The ITF are currently considering doing away with the net chord, but a more drastic approach would be to eradicate the second serve. This would not stop the big hitters going for aces, but it would certainly make it more risky. And it would speed up the game enormously.

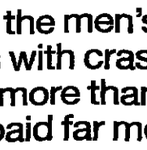
The dimensions of the court might also be altered. The serve is clearly the *bête noire* and another suggestion, apart from raising the net, would be to make a mark beyond the baseline from where the service would be made.

Clearly the problem currently pertains more to the men's game, although Venus Williams, now serving at more than 120mph, may herald a new big-hitting generation of women.

A less radical move would be to insist that the server had one foot, perhaps both, on the ground when serving.

Another change being mooted is that the point after the first deuce should decide the game. As usual the male players and their governing body are dead set against any change. Obviously nobody wishes to ruin the essence and spirit of the game, but other sports have incorporated changes which have improved the spectacle and tennis should not be afraid to follow suit.

The players



Spain's Manuel Santana, the 1966 Wimbledon champion who used to send love poems to his wife during the tournament, said this week that John McEnroe was the last "beautiful" champion. It is the beast in the American which many still recall, but his stupendous grass court encounters with Bjorn Borg will remain in the memory far longer than any of Pete Sampras's finals.

Sampras, a perfectly personable man and a gifted player, frequently talks about the court being his "office". This may be no more than an affectation, yet it reflects an attitude which is all too prevalent.

The advent of Open tennis in 1968 improved the game immeasurably, with the general public enraptured and amazed by such players as Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Pancho Gonzales and Lew Hoad.

New generations followed: John Newcombe, Tony Roche, Arthur Ashe, Borg, McEnroe and Ivan Lendl. But these days the men are paid such vast sums of money that they no longer have the need, or the will, to sell themselves as entertainers while too often the pride in winning has gone.

Andre Agassi is arguably the last of a line. The current men's game is virtually devoid of personalities and the conclusion has to be that the players are simply being paid far too much. They may moan that they have to play too much tennis, yet whenever they have a free week many take part in lucrative exhibition matches.

In 1969 Laver's official earnings were $124,000. Last year Sampras's prize-money was just short of $6.5 million.

Chile's Marcelo Rios, the world's No.2, has been rightly chastised for throwing (tanking) matches, but such activity is endemic within the professional Tour.

The governing bodies



The men's and women's professional game are run by the ATP Tour and the WTA Tour respectively with the ITF the umbrella organisation for the rest, including the four Grand Slams and the Davis Cup.

It does not take a genius to see that, for a minor sport in terms of world popularity, tennis has far too many disparate and opposing groups trying to run it. Effectively the ITF is lacking in clout while, conversely, the Grand Slams and the Davis Cup increase in popularity in direct contrast to the dwindling lustre of the weekly tournaments, even those with an illustrious history such as the Italian Open.

Women's tennis, with the arrival of Martina Hingis, the Williams sisters and Anna Kournikova, is currently on a high although the women's game will never be as popular as the men's.

The ATP Tour is attempting to make the game more user friendly but it is largely run by American marketing men who regard the Europeans as a bunch of merchandising recidivists. The popularity of tennis is plunging alarmingly in the US while the decline in Europe is steadily and obdurately on the downturn.

The solutions are complex but tennis is crying out for someone at the top to get everybody working in the same direction. There are too many meaningless tournaments while the ranking system confuses everybody. A commissioner is paramount.

The spectators



Ill-served by television, which sees tennis in parochial terms while too often (if understandably) regarding the sport as a cheap option. Also ill-served by the grandiose schemes of individual federations and organising committees who make believe that tennis can become a rival to the world's major sports.

The new Arthur Ashe stadium at Flushing Meadow is an abomination, with the real fans pushed further and further away from the action. And for all its pleasing architectural lines, Wimbledon's new No.1 Court is similarly too big and totally lacking in atmosphere. Think beautiful, think small.



Don's entrance ... Bradman goes out to bat against Worcestershire in 1948

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Way back when

Frank Keating recalls the regal march through the shires of Bradman's 1948 Australians

SOME historians nominate Clive Lloyd's West Indies "blackwash" side of 1984 as the best of all Test tourists to set foot in England. Anoraks with greyer beards might go further back and select Frank Worrell's touring team of 1963. Or what about the Australian vintages led by Warwick Armstrong in 1921 or Joe Darling 19 years earlier, not to mention the last three under Allan Border, then Mark Taylor.

But the century's yardstick, against which all others can be measured, remains Don Bradman's 1948 Australians, who not only won the five-Test rubber 4–0 but, between times, uniquely and ruthlessly ravaged the shires of England with the cruelly calculated relish of Saxon invaders.

A half-century of summers ago the weather was none too bright yet Bradman's undefeated Australians still won 25 of their 34 first-class matches, an astonishing 17 of them by an innings. Eleven of their players scored 50 centuries between them, and seven passed 1,000 runs. Bradman, who was 40 during the tour, played in most matches (23) and hit most centuries (11) at an average of 89.92.

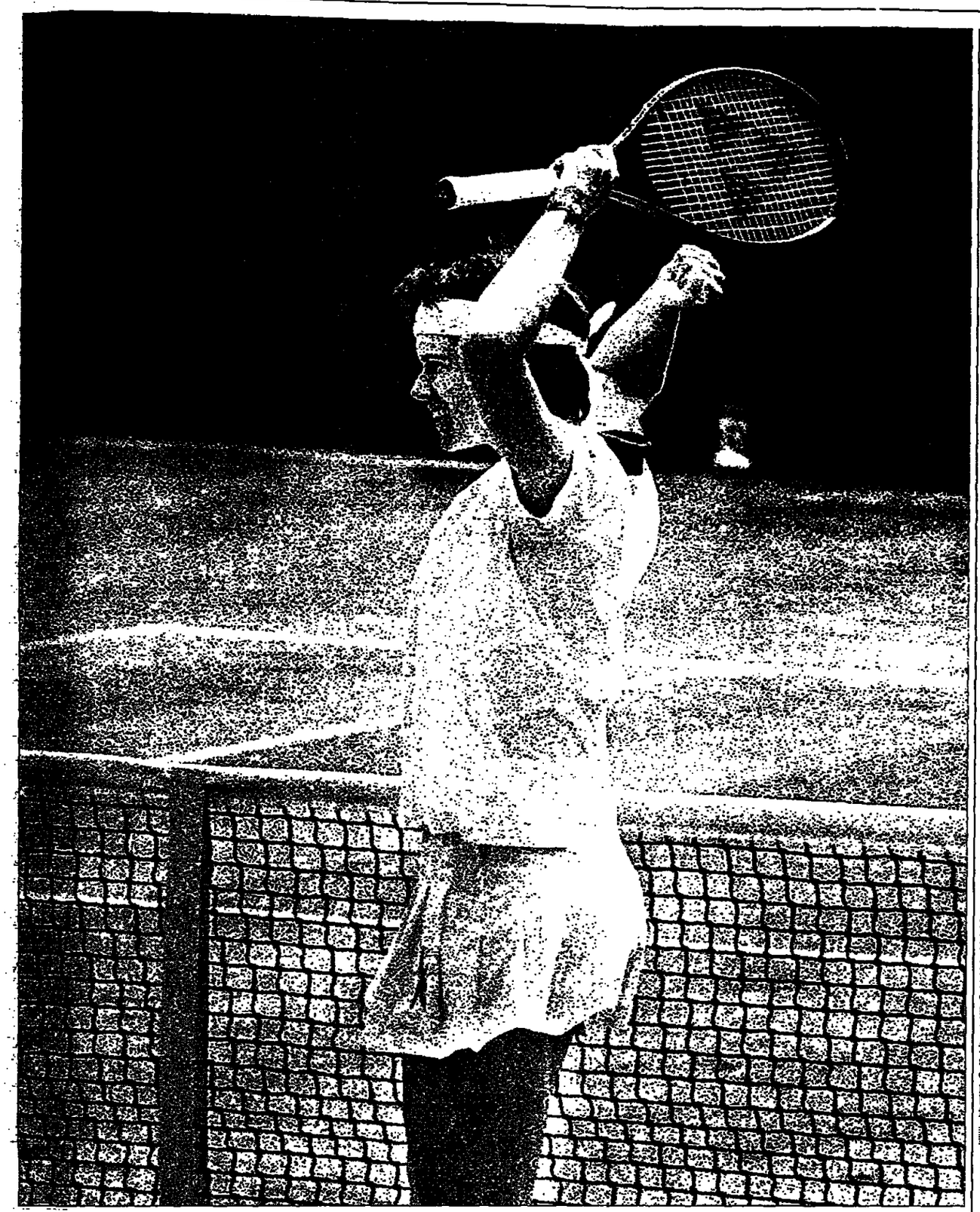
Bradman made it an almost regal procession, as the accompanying Australian journalist Andy Flanagan cabled home: "To travel throughout England with Bradman is a unique experience. Cities, towns and hotels are beflagged, carpets set down and dignitaries wait to extend an official welcome." Another, Jack Pollard, wrote: "People congregate on railway station platforms just to get a glimpse of the Australians passing through, and in the streets leading to the cricket grounds vast, snake-like queues six or eight across cram all available footpath space ... and there are more locked out than can get inside the grounds."

The 1948 Australians not so much won but mercilessly laid to waste. Only Yorkshire gave them a reasonable game. Bradman's men began as they intended to continue: in May alone they won all of seven three-day matches by an innings, beating Worcestershire by an innings and 17 runs, Leicestershire by an innings and 171, Surrey by an innings and 296, Cambridge University by an innings and 51, Essex by an innings and 451, Oxford University by an innings and 90 and MCC by an innings and 158.

In the Essex match at Southend Bradman scored his highest of the tour (187) as his side knocked up a record-breaking 721 in a day. In June, having swept aside a supposedly crack England side including such luminaries as Len Hutton, Cyril Washbrook, Bill Edrich, Denis Compton, Godfrey Evans and Alec Bedser in the first two Tests (by eight wickets at Nottingham and 409 runs at Lord's), the Australians walloped Surrey again (by 10 wickets) at The Oval on the last day of the month, where Bradman hit 128 to add to his 146 there the previous month.

When the Surrey batsman Stan Squires congratulated the dapper maestro on achieving this second century

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Anyone for queuing? They also serve who only wait and stand

FAIR GAME

Julie Welch



EVERY organism supports colonies of other, smaller organisms. Some are harmless, like barnacles on giant crabs or the greens committee at golf clubs; others are smelly, unpleasant and life-threatening, like *E coli* bacteria and football hooligans. Just as head lice show a preference for nice, clean, middle-class hair, people queuing for tickets are nits on the scalp of Wimbledon.

During the day it is not always easy to detect the presence of queuers among the transient population but careful combing of the streets will reveal the give-away rolled-up tents and camping stove. These rugged and stoical people are in fact Wimbledon's indigenous population. Many years ago they occupied huge tracts of pavement from Church Road to Aorangi Park.

Since then their land has been taken over by BBC scanners and corporate hospitality tents. They now have their own reservation, in the bit nobody else wants around Somerset Road. Here they pass the fortnight drinking lemon barley water and trying to interest tourists in artefacts such as Steffi Graf's discarded knee support and genuine Andre Agassi nose-hair clippings.

The British regard sleeping out at Wimbledon with special reverence because it combines several national passions: being nodded at by bobbies on the beat, eating sandwiches made with limp white bread and being able to get Grandad's army camp bed out of the attic and say, "There, I told you it would come in useful one of these days."

Territory is of prime importance, so they tend to have a different perspective on it from other spectators. To them the All-England Club is not a magnificent ivy-clad theatre of tennis but the two square feet of pavement they have called home since midnight on the Friday preceding the tournament. Just as football writing has spawned a range of genres, tennis now boasts a burgeoning queuing literature, such as The Little Book Of Orderly Lines and Muriel Spark's seminal novel, Loitering Within Tent.

Some are able to take time off work to queue because they are so boring and insipid that their employers do not notice they have been absent from their desks for 10 days. Others are not necessarily there because they want to watch tennis. They are the journeymen of the queuing circuit. Next week they will be outside the BBC studios at Wood Lane, waiting to be let in to a recording of Esther.

Others have to camp out for tickets because, being hopelessly inefficient, they have forgotten to obtain them in the normal way, which is by being born into a long-established and fabulously rich family who have owned Wimbledon bonds since the end of the First World War.

Unlike the public utilities executives and cement company directors who have seats for Centre Court but spend the day in a marquee guzzling poached salmon, harassing PR girls and getting pie-eyed on Pimms, queuers pride themselves on being the true fans of tennis. This is a comfort to them when they wake up at five in the morning to find squirrels gnawing their spectacles and a dog urinating on their leg.

The build-up to Wimbledon is important. They devote arduous hours to darning and ironing their Union Jacks, unpicking the lettering which spelt out JEREMY and replacing it with *TIM* or GREG. One reason Rusedski won the hearts of the British public so quickly was that he has a short name which is easy to sew on to a banner and shriek during tie-breaks. Now Henman is finding the fans' adulation tiresome he is arranging to change his forename to Wilberforce.

The queuer's favourite fantasy involves getting hold of a seat in the Royal Box, where they save the Duchess of Kent's life by throwing themselves in front of her after a wild *serve from Goran* Ivanisevic ricochets off the umpire's head. They wake *up in intensive care to find* out that they have survived thanks to the rolled-up tent in their anorak pocket which has absorbed the force of the ball.

As a reward the Wimbledon committee gives them a free ticket for men's finals day. The queuer's nightmare is that this turns out to be a ground pass which will not admit them to the show courts and is not refundable if play is cancelled due to bad weather. Another fantasy is that Mark McCormack's International Management Group will sign them up and they will become the Michael Jordan of queuing, earning billions by endorsing collapsible picnic chairs, Thermos flasks and tom-cat repellent.

When queuers die, family and friends traditionally turn up outside the cemetery the night before the funeral. At 10am sharp the next day the gates are flung open and they rush in to claim their places. The deceased is not buried but loaded into a London Borough of Merton dustcart along with several tons of rotting strawberries and Rusedski's discarded contract with Tony Pickard.

Smith's peek demands new peak

Richard Jago

IF SAM does play it again it will need to be with a different rhythm. Smith's career-best 2–6, 6–3, 7–5 win over Conchita Martinez on Saturday brought choruses of celebration for Britain's first female fourth-round survivor for 13 years but provides little by way of sheet music for today's meeting with Nathalie Tauziat.

The Frenchwoman will play in a very different way to the former Wimbledon champion from Spain, who may have been complacent after having beaten Smith in the US Open and who operated a little predictably from the baseline.

This helped Smith's sliced backhand to manoeuvre for avenues to the net or for fast lanes with sudden change-of-pace forehands. But whereas Martinez traded slice for slice, Tauziat is likely to pressurise Smith's backhand more often from the net.

The woman who has been largely ignored during the Henman and Rusedski rivalry nevertheless played better than ever in the final set against Martinez. Having never previously experienced competing on a Wimbledon show court she will need the frozen focus she displayed on Saturday and would be wise, as she suggested she might, to slip in early "to take a peek".

It may help that Tauziat, who reached the top 10 for the first time this year aged 30, is a player with more clearly-defined strengths and weaknesses than Martinez. The 16th seed's second serve is hit too flat to be consistently forcing, but if Tauziat does find a route to the net she is a willing and able volleyer.

Smith may need to beware of too many backhand-to-backhand exchanges this time, for Tauziat's is one of the best. But the Briton appears to have convinced herself that her improvement deserves better results.

The favourite in her half to reach the final is probably Monica Seles. Following her thumping dismissal of Yayuk Basuki, she earned the chance today of avenging last year's excruciating defeat to Sandrine Testud.

If omens mean anything Venus and Serena Williams will both reach the fourth round today and ensure they become the first sisters for over 30 years to play each other at Wimbledon.

Both once wanted to be firefighters and in Miami this year, Serena climbed into the driver's seat of a fire engine. There were six of them in action at Wimbledon on Saturday as dark smoke plumed from a blaze in neighbouring flats, causing spectators on two courts to be evacuated.

Serena plays the Spaniard Virginia Ruano Pascual and Venus her fellow American Chanda Rubin. Both matches look winnable and if they are, the Williams will emulate the Sherriff sisters of Australia in 1966.

Missile launch . . . as Mark Philippoussis played off his feet on Saturday (main picture), Sam Smith (above) and Tim Henman (below) kept the home fires burning

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Bigger fish set to fry Henman

Stephen Bierley

THERE has always been a goodly chunk of flash in Tim Henman's make-up and, beginning today on centre court against Pat Rafter, this is the week for him to run the full gamut of glittering passes and deft volleys of which he is so capable, particularly on grass.

The hard slog has been achieved, most recently when he finished off Zimbabwe's Byron Black, albeit unconvincingly, on Saturday. After taking a two-set lead, the British No.2 once again made matters doubly difficult for himself before closing Black out 6–4, 6–4, 3–6, 7–5.

It seems reasonable to suppose, after a year-and-a-half in the world's top 20, that Henman's game will always be a mix of the brilliant and the mundane. He is no nearer to eradicating unforced errors on his ground strokes, notably the flaky forehand. John McEnroe's recent comment that Henman's game has gone backwards this year has some measure of truth.

But this is Wimbledon and, given the support of the home crowd and preferential treatment by the order-of-play committee, Henman's chances of progress appear bright. He has a year record, including Wimbledon, of 24 wins and 16 defeats. However, exclude Wimbledon, a semi-final at the Lipton Championships and his run to the final in Sydney last January and his win-loss reads 13–14.

Obviously he would trade any number of defeats against success this week and, given his temperament, the prospect of possibly playing Rafter, Petr Korda and Pete Sampras in order to reach the final next Sunday will ignite rather than subdue him.

He has beaten both Rafter and Korda, and if the thought of a victory over Sampras appears no more than reverie it should be noted that the great American has not reached a Grand Slam semi-final since Wimbledon last year.

Henman fancies his chances against the serve and blissful volleying of Rafter because the Australian plays no other way. "It gives me a target," said Henman, who struggles when an opponent stays on the baseline because of the aforementioned ground strokes.

Since beating Greg Rusedski in the US Open final Rafter has battled to re-adjust and entered these championships in a generally negative frame of mind. But he has sniffed the heady perfume of success again and is playing well: Rafter in four or five.



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First pick in the draft for a giant among Sussex boys

CENTRE STAGE

Pete Nichols

FROM Michael Olowokandi's first day at Newlands Manor School in Seaford, East Sussex, in 1991 it was clear that here was a young man whose progress in life would not go unnoticed. At 16 years old Olowokandi was already two metres (6ft 7in) tall. By the time he left Newlands two years later, to go to Brunel University, he could rescue cats from trees, clean upstairs windows and mend guttering without needing a ladder.

At Brunel, the mythology goes, Olowokandi spotted a basketball behind some equipment, picked it up, bounced it a few times, felt pretty cool about it and adopted the sport forthwith. That is how Olowokandi tells the story now and in North America there are plenty of people willing to listen; for last Wednesday night at General Motors Place in Vancouver, before a crowd of 10,000, the Nigerian-born, English-reared Arsenal supporter joined a select breed when he was nominated as the first pick in the NBA draft. Predecessors include Magic Johnson, Shaquille O'Neal and Akeem Olajuwon.

Even before the LA Clippers, who had first choice in the draft, picked Olowokandi, the sport's bigwigs were queuing to praise the "Kandi Man". Scott Leyden, vice-president of Utah Jazz, said he was "head and shoulders above all the other big people".

Elgin Baylor, general manager of the Clippers, endorsed their selection with equal gusto. "Look at the big men out there. In three years who will still be around and be among the best? Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille and Tim Duncan will. I think Olowokandi will be in that elite group in three years. He can have a bigger impact than anyone in the draft."

Olowokandi calls learning basketball one of the two most difficult things he has done. The other was probably learning to triple jump, which is what he did at Newlands. He was good enough to win the independent schools championships and was far enough over 14 metres to suggest there was a future in the event. Now a physically mature Olowokandi could probably surpass 14 metres in the step phase alone but they do not pay $9 million (£5.4m) for a three-year contract for a triple jumper and that is what the Clippers will be paying him.



Top man . . . Michael Olowokandi last week MIKE BLAKE

Olowokandi came to Britain from Nigeria at 10. His father Ezekiel was a colonel in the Nigerian army and had a diplomatic posting to London; he returned to Nigeria two years ago. In all Olowokandi spent 10 years in England, the last two at Brunel on a mechanical engineering course.

Once Olowokandi decided he wanted to play basketball, he selected his college by thumbing through the pages of Peterson's List of American Colleges. He rang the University of Pacific at Stockton, near San Francisco, spoke to Tony Marcopulos, the assistant basketball coach, and told him he wanted to transfer from Brunel so he could play basketball. Marcopulos asked him how big he was. Olowokandi told him 7ft 1in and 265lbs. The assistant coach agreed straightaway.

For Pacific it was manna from England when the Nigerian diplomat's son arrived at Stockton and they discovered he was not only a giant but a quick-learning, quick-thinking one as well. His progress was such that he went from averaging four points a game in his first year to 22.2 in his third. "He went from good early on to really good in the middle to unbelievable in the end," said Bob Thomason, the senior basketball coach at Pacific.

As Olowokandi was, by all estimates, the best college centre at the draft, the only question was whether the Clippers might choose a guard like Arizona's Mike Bibby instead. Yet even Bibby felt sure Olowokandi would take precedence. The NBA commissioner Dave Stern made the announcement and for the next 24 hours Olowokandi rode the publicity treadmill. The ceremonies on Wednesday evening were followed by a 6am flight down to Los Angeles for a conference in the convention centre.

This last weekend Olowokandi went back to Stockton to pack up and prepare himself for being the most famous new boy on the block. However, there is one small spanner in the works. The players' agents and the NBA are at loggerheads and there is talk of a lock-out. If that happens, Olowokandi will not even be able to talk to his new employers. At that point London Towers should leap in and make him a $10 million offer. Well, in their dreams, anyway.

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against the county, Bradman replied: "Thanks, Stan, yes it's nice to make a few runs now and again." That from a man who, in all, was to make 107 100s in only 306 innings.

The Australians then went to play Gloucestershire at Bristol. The county reckoned they knew Bradman would not play. Nor did he; he took the match off and spent the weekend with the England selector Walter Robins at his home in Buckinghamshire (Robins, wishful thinking, had served up roast duck for the Saturday night dinner).

Old men in Gloucestershire will still relate why they had been certain Bradman would take a rest for the Bristol match 50 years ago this week. In his four tours of England Bradman played against the county only once, on his first trip in 1930. On that occasion (they will say) the young Bradman had been barracked and scoffed at for getting into a tangle against the local spinning wizards Charlie Parker and Tom Goddard.

By some accounts the gnarled and legendary Parker — who had been selected in the England squad but not used for the immediately preceding Oval Test when Bradman had clocked up a sumptuous 232 — had accosted the callow Bradman in the Royal Hotel the night before the match and taunted the batsman: "Two hundred against England is one thing but I'll give you 50 quid, laddie, if you can get even a half-century against me." Nor did he; in a still famous tied match Bradman uneasily made only 42 and 14 and Parker dismissed him both times.

Thus humiliated, the story has it, Bradman never set foot in Bristol again. And certainly Wisden shows that, with three more chances, each time he took off the Gloucestershire match.

But, as he enjoyed Mrs Robins's roast duck in Buckinghamshire that weekend in 1948, Bradman must have been delighted to switch on the radio and get news of his team's progress at Bristol. The vice-captain Lindsay Hassett had won the toss and batted and, later, declared the innings closed: Australia 774 for seven wickets, still the highest touring-team score against an English county. It was slaughter at 80 runs per 100 balls, with Arthur Morris hitting 290 and Sam Loxton 159.

The county spinner Parker had long retired but Goddard, now 47, played — and this time he was cruelly taunted, to the tune of nought for 186 in 32 overs. The Australians won by an innings and 363 runs — a mere bagatelle; a month later they were to return to the West and beat Somerset by an innings and 374.

Before the tourists' victory, though, Gloucestershire's doughty leftie Jack Crapp had made exactly 100 and the wee strokeplayer George Emmett a twinkling 43 against the pacemen Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller. The two innings won them first England caps for the Manchester Test the following week. Such was the effect of Bradman's 1948 touring team, the mightiest of them all.

Slogger

A side-on glance at cricket



Haircuts 100

No.6 Larry Gomes

A handsome if fitful force at Middlesex, our Lazza matured into the only boring batsman ever to score 3,000 runs for West Indies. Still, he did atone with the finest Afro this side of the Hair Bear Bunch.



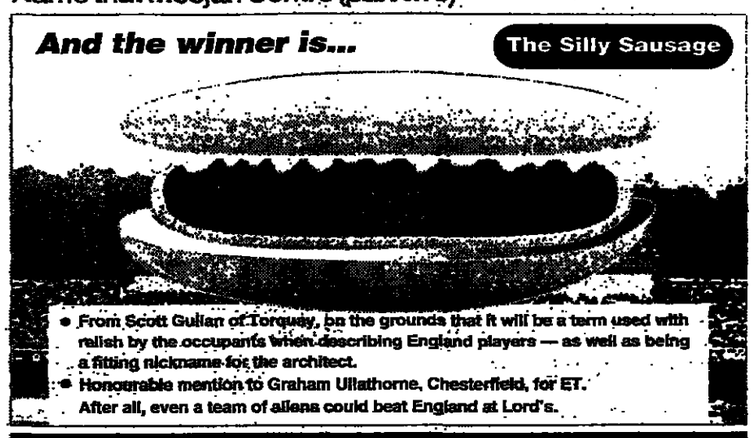
Curtis Hot Cooper High Willis Hard Hopkins Lamb

The Odeon XI The cameras were irresistibly drawn to them

Tim Curtis	Some like it hot, like this diligent opener
Robert Niven	Not a matter of life and death for Dark Blue
Tony Nicholson	From same cuckoo's nest as Boycs and Illy
Francis Ford	For Middlesex, England and the Lost Ark
Kevin Cooper	Notts swinger with penchant for high noons
Thomas Lancaster	Wore red rose and white; bit of a Burt
Ralph Grant	Smooth-talkin' Windies skipper here in '39
John Hopkins	Glamorgan opener with fondness for lamb
Johnny Douglas	Essex and England's very own Spartacus
Roger Finney	Preferred Saturday night to Sunday morning
Bob Willis	Uncanny tendency to die harder than most

Gratuitous Graphic

Name that Meejah Centre (part two)



- From Scott Gullan of Torquay, on the grounds that it will be a term used with relish by the occupants when describing England players — as well as being a fitting nickname for the architect.
- Honourable mention to Graham Ullathorne, Chesterfield, for ET. After all, even a team of aliens could beat England at Lord's.

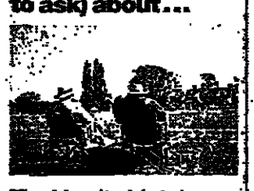
Six steps to Devon



Darren Gough has a namesake in the acting trade, **Michael Gough**, who had a role in the classic 1951 Ealing comedy The Man In The White Suit, which starred **Sir Alec Guinness**. Guinness was the tipple consumed by **Paul Gascoigne** at a testimonial match played at Fratton Park, Portsmouth, a fact reported by the Pompey manager, **Alan Ball**. The ball, of course, is what **Devon Malcolm** bowls all those wides with. *(Thanks to Jimmy Hibbert, East Didsbury.)*

Each week we will print the most ingenious route from a specified personality to Northamptonshire's ageless paceman. Send your contributions to the address below. This week's starting-point: **Ali Bacher**

Everything you wanted to know (but were too polite to ask) about...



The Varsity Match

Key question Why Oh Why Oh Why Oh Why (etc)?
Smart-bottom answer "The desirability of an increased flow of good cricketers from Oxford and Cambridge, both to play and afterwards to fulfil their part in administration and governance, needs no further emphasis." (Oxford and Cambridge Cricket, by George Chesterton and Hubert Doggart, 1989).
Claims to infamy 1) Proposed in 1827 by Charles Wordsworth, the poet's nephew; duly inspired, he then launched the Boat Race; 2) Still played at Lord's; 3) Still accorded first-class status.
Eeriest factoid Forty-four Blues have led their country (45 if we count Derek Pringle's afternoon at The Oval). Among them are four Lords, four Sirs, three Hons, two Nawabs, one would-be Pakistani prime minister and one Douglas Jardine. Even the less celebrated get to be TCCB/ECB chief execs.
Highest high 1) Cobden's Match (1870): with



Cambridge three short of victory, Old Harrovian quickie blows away their last three men in successive balls; 2) J T Morgan's Declaration of Principles (1880): set 307 in 140 minutes, Oxford subside for 101, whereupon J T rejects all praise for the peerless timing of his closure. Not for a moment did he imagine them getting the runs, let alone being dismissed; he simply thought it "indecent to go on".
Lowest low Not a ball bowled in 1988 as Mike Atherton and his pals watch the Gods wet themselves with laughter.
Best XI (Cambridge, 1952 - drew) Sheppard (capt), Bushby, May, Tordoff, Stevenson, Subba Row, Alexander (wkt), Warr, Marlar, McCarthy, Kenny.
Dream Team (eclectic) Majid Khan (left), Brearley (capt), May, Donnelly, Ranji, Dexter, Imran, Bailey, Murray (wkt), Edmonds, Allen.
Cult hero H S Russell: One of only 10 men to turn up for Oxford in 1839 (scored eight and two), he went into the exploring trade, most proficiently in Queensland. Captured by cannibals and sentenced to death, he escaped. Ended up in the state's first Legislative Assembly.
Heroic failing Retired to Blighty only to suffer fatal heart attack "whilst walking to catch a train".



Big shout

Murmurs from the outfield

"I blame Tony Blair and New Labour for the [Lord's] humiliation. Tony Banks probably regards [cricket] as a stuck-up game for elitist gits." **Donald Trelford,** former Observer editor, cheesed off at removal of WG's portrait from No.10.

"Gee, that's got to be great to get a gold for your country." Aussie one-day skipper **Steve "The Means" Waugh** has a dig at England's refusal to send an XI to the Commonwealth Games.

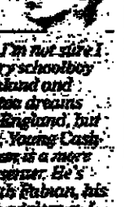
"I'll be fully fit, 100 per cent." **Glenn "Mr Oz" McGrath** fires a warning to Bermuda and Botswana.

If...

...Mike Brearley hadn't broken his arm, Geoff Boycott would never have led England, Ian Botham would never have been able to boast about deliberately running him out, and Geoff Hurst would merely have been the world's second sporting Sir Geoffrey.

The Garfa

England's frank and fearless skipper



"To be honest, I'm not sure I can go on. Every schoolboy south of Greenland and west of Krakatoa dreams about leading England, but I'm struggling. Young Cash, our stars are great as a mere continuing presence. He's fixed me up with Fabian, his body language adviser, so I don't let everybody down when we're on Sky. Those 1-1 headshakes and that 'John ARE these wankers' smile how definitely had their chips. Far too ambitious."

Cheers, mate

Which opaque luminary (right) damned which colleague with this extremely faint praise?

"The shirt was his big problem. On reflection, the stomach overhang was the root of [it]. A more corpulent human dome I'd never seen."



Answers to the address below. First correct entry gets a signed copy of Porms And Cobbers (Andre Deutsch), Rob Steen's 1997 Ashes diary. Last week: Gooch on Boycott, spotted by Ian Reed, Bushey.

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Cricket

Twenty-twenty vision indicates young Ben clearly fits the bill

Mike Selvey on the return of Hollioake, Knight and Gough as England seek revenge against South Africa in the third Test

IF events in France this week have proved anything it is that, where there is ability, no one should be afraid of giving youth its head. Ben Hollioake has had an indifferent season for Surrey but at the age of 20 he has already demonstrated that he has a temperament for the big occasion on which one could chill champagne.

Yesterday the England selectors reasserted their confidence in him by naming him in a squad of 13 for the third Test which begins at Old Trafford on Thursday. Also recalled is the Warwickshire opener Nick Knight who, with Mark Butcher still feeling the thumb fracture that kept him out of the last Test, replaces Steve James. Darren Gough returns after injury and the Warwickshire left-arm spinner Ashley Giles is added to the squad should a second spinner be required.

After the 10-wicket defeat at Lord's England's captain Alec Stewart will be pleased to have Gough available again to bolster the attack but within hours of the squad's announcement Stewart himself suffered a mishap which caused him to sit out yesterday's AXA League match with Worcestershire at The Oval. The Surrey batsman turned his right ankle after slipping on a ball during practice though it is expected he will be fit to lead his country as they attempt to level the series.

Hollioake now has the chance to justify his claim in the Cricketers' Who's Who that "youngsters are still not backed enough in the 'big' games". It is more than a year since he burst on to the scene with a vibrant innings against the Australians in the Texaco Trophy match at Lord's and he made his Test debut in the fifth Test of the summer, alongside his brother Adam, scoring 28 and two and taking a single wicket in each innings. At that stage a decision was made to put his Test career on the back burner and, though he was in the one-day squads to Sharjah and the Caribbean, playing in all five matches at the end of the tour to the West Indies, this would be his first Test match since then.

The inclusion of Hollioake

> Hollioake now has the chance to justify his claim about 'big' games

at the expense of Mark Ealham comes after two indifferent matches from the Kent all-rounder, the feeling being that nothing is being lost and possibly plenty gained now. "There is a need to counter-attack from down the order," David Graveney, chairman of selectors, said yesterday, "and Ben is not somone who is fazed by a situation." Graham Gooch, one of Graveney's co-selectors, also believes that in time Hollioake will become a genuine third seamer.

The chances are that Hollioake will play, the only doubt arising if the Old Trafford pitch looks sufficiently dry and the forecast sufficiently good to warrant a second spinner, in which case Giles would come in.

The selectors would have liked the opportunity to bring Ian Salisbury of Surrey back into the team but his injury has led to few alternatives, Giles getting the vote over Phil Tufnell on the basis that the latter had an uninspired winter. As yet, though, there is scant evidence that Giles has the credentials to be called a front-line Test match spinner.

Knight is a one-day cricketer of the highest class, and a fixture in the England side in that form of the game. But 14 matches have passed since he played in the win in Christchurch 16 months ago, the last of his 11 Test caps, during which time he suffered a severe fracture of the hand and Stewart resumed his partnership with Mike Atherton, to be followed by Butcher. For those locked out it is sometimes hard to open the door again.

Few people felt that James, for all his prolific form with Glamorgan, was a sensible selection for Lord's, and he proved horribly fallible. He would probably have joined the ranks of one-Test wonders regardless. But the fact that a left-right combination at the top of the order upset the South African bowlers so much in the first Test at Edgbaston was a clincher for Knight once Butcher was deemed unfit, although if that is the case now one wonders why this was not so a fortnight ago.

Knight's career to date has not been exceptional with an average of only 30 and a single hundred, against Pakistan when he was down the order. His fielding, though, and close catching in particular, is out of the top drawer and, with a missed slip chance at Lord's costing England so dear, that will be doubly welcome.

ENGLAND 12th A J Stewart (Surrey, capt and wkt) age 35. Tests 77: **M A Atherton** (Lancashire) 30. 81; **N Hussain** (Essex) 30. 31. **G P Thorpe** (Surrey) 28. 51: **M R Ramprakash** (Middlesex) 28. 25; **B C Hollioake** (Surrey) 20. 1; **D G Cork** (Derbyshire) 26. 21. **R D B Croft** (Glamorgan) 28. 13; **D Gough** (Yorkshire) 27. 22; **A R C Fraser** (Middlesex) 32. 40; **D W Headley** (Kent) 28. 10; **A F Giles** 25. 0; **N V Knight** (both Warwickshire) 28. 11.



Baby Ben . . . Hollioake takes aim LAURENCE GRIFFITHS

County Championship: Leicestershire v Sussex

Late strikes by Millns square the balance

Neville Fouger at Grace Road

IT was an unusual day here. The sun shone, there was a full quota of overs and two batsmen were out hit-wicket. By the end Leicestershire and Sussex had rescued a crucial match from a watery grave.

While it may still need collaboration between captains to produce a positive result Leicestershire will not have entirely given up on still winning the game by playing "proper" cricket.

On a pitch retaining enough to encourage bowlers Sussex ended the day on 56 for four, still requiring 84 runs to avoid the follow-on.

Two bowlers certainly enjoyed the conditions. James Kirtley, the Sussex seamer, and David Millns, back in Leicestershire's side for the first time in a month after recovering from an ear infection, both thrived.

Kirtley used helpful conditions in the pre-lunch session to claim three for 22 in a nine-over spell to add to the one wicket he had taken in Saturday's solitary over.

He removed Vince Wells and Ben Smith with carbon-copy deliveries which cut away and found the edge, and then trapped Phil Simmons lbw for a duck.

Michael Bevan nipped in for the wickets of Iain Sutcliffe and Aftab Habib and, at 121 for six, Leicestershire were in difficulty. At that stage, despite the loss of 189 overs on the first two days, Sussex had every right to feel they were in the box-seat.

But, as the sun beat down and the shine left the ball, batting became easier and Chris Lewis and Paul Nixon made it look so in a seventh-wicket stand of 93. Lewis, having driven handsomely for 63, fell to Paul Jarvis, before Nixon stepped back and trod on his wicket, a fate that also befell Toby Peirce in the first over of the Sussex innings.

Lusty hitting from Leicestershire's tail gave them a total of 289 and Sussex were left with 24 overs to face before the close. After Peirce went. Millns trapped Wasim Khan lbw and bowled Chris Adams, and Sussex were 28 for three. Wells then removed Mark Newell to leave the game intriguingly balanced.

James hits ton after Test axe falls

STEVE James responded to being dropped by England with a century yesterday as Glamorgan set Nottinghamshire a testing target in their County Championship match at Trent Bridge.

James, who made way for Warwickshire's Nick Knight after one Test, made 121 with 14 fours in 206 minutes to provide the backbone of Glamorgan's first-innings total of 351 for eight declared, and maximum batting points. Robert Croft also chipped in with an unbeaten half-century.

Nottinghamshire declared on 31 for two at the close of play and with Matthew Maynard confirming that Glamorgan would forfeit their second innings, the home side were left with a target of 321 today.

Lance Klusener will be on Test duty this Thursday, batting at nine, and he warmed up for it with 142 not out from 132 balls and helped take the South Africans to a 98-run victory against Northamptonshire.

Klusener, an opener yesterday, hit 19 fours and dominated a third-wicket stand of 185 with his captain Hansie Cronje, who made 77.

Northants could only manage 189 for eight in reply to South Africa's 275 for three off 45 overs.

● Surrey, still winless in the AXA League, lost out to Worcestershire by one run at The Oval after being set 180. Needing six runs off their last over the home side lost Tudor and Saqlain to run-outs before the No. 11 Benjamin, needing three of the final ball, managed only a single.

Scoreboard

Britannic Assurance County Championship

(Third day)

SOMERSET v HAMPSHIRE

Taunton: Hampshire (6pts) trail Somerset (4) by 119 runs with eight first-innings wickets standing.

SOMERSET
First Innings

*P D Bowler c White b Morris	104
P C L Holloway b McLean	0
R J Harden c White b McLean	4
M N Lathwell c Morris b Mascarenhas	76
K A Parsons lbw b James	58
†R J Turner c McLean b Mascarenhas	40
M E Trescothick c White b Morris	9
G D Rose c Udal b Mascarenhas	32
A R K Pierson c Aymes b Mascarenhas	29
Musaiaq Ahmed c McLean b James	3
A R Caddick not out	6
Extras (lb2, w18, nb4)	24
Total (103.2 overs)	378

Fall of wickets 17, 21, 153, 245, 286, 316, 326, 359, 362.
Bowlings McLean 20–2–92–2; Morris 20–1–90–2; James 11–1–45–2; Stephenson 17–2–48–0; Mascarenhas 19.2–3–55–4; Whitaker 1–0–5–0; Udal 13–3–43–0.

HAMPSHIRE
First Innings

G W White c Bowler b Mushtaq	101
J P Stephenson c Turner b Parsons	67
P R Whitaker not out	63
*R A Smith not out	12
Extras (lb5 nb11)	16
Total (for 2, 72 overs)	259

Fall of wickets 119, 235.
To bat M Keech, A D Mascarenhas †A N Aymes, S D Udal, A C Morris, N A M McLean, K D James.
Bowlings Mushtaq 20–6–57–1, Pierson 13–1–52–0; Caddick 13–0–59–0; Rose 9–4–26–0; Parsons 7–0–35–1; Trescothick 8–3–28–0; Bowler 2–1–4–0
Umpires D J Constant and J W Holder.

MIDDLESEX v ESSEX

Southgate: Middlesex (5pts) lead Essex (0) by 337 runs with all second-innings wickets standing.

MIDDLESEX
First Innings (overnight: 174-0)

M W Gatting c Prichard b D R Law	241
J L Langer c Rollins b Irani	166
*M R Ramprakash not out	43
O A Shah not out	1
Extras (lb6, lb11, w7, nb13)	37
Total (for 2 dec, 139 overs)	488

Fall of wickets 372, 485
Did not bats D C Nash, P N Weekes, †K R Brown, T F Bloomfield, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell
Bowlings Ilott 24–3–85–0; Cowan 29–3–93–0; D R Law 18–2–63–1; Irani 21–3–74–1, Such 26–6–78–0; Grayson 22–1–78–0.

ESSEX
First Innings

*P J Prichard c Brown b Fraser	23
D D J Robinson c Gatting b Hewitt	8
A P Grayson c Ramprakash b Weekes	54
S G Law not out	48
R C Irani not out	8
Extras (lb1, nb12)	13
Total (for 3 dec. 53.1 overs)	161

Fall of wickets 11, 37, 124
Did not bats S D Peters, †R J Rollins, D R Law, A P Cowan, M C Ilott, P M Such.
Bowlings Hewitt 6–2–8–1; Bloomfield 12–0–56–0, Fraser 11–5–19–1; Weekes 9–0–24–1; Tufnell 14–1–43–0; Ramprakash 1–1–0–0; Nash 0.1–0–0–0
Umpires J F Steele and N T Plews

WARWICKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

Edgbaston: Warwickshire (4pts) have scored 374 for five in their first innings against Lancashire (2).

WARWICKSHIRE
First Innings

M J Powell c Crawley b Chapple	53
N V Knight c Sub b Chapple	192
D L Hemp b Chapple	7
*†B C Lara run out	25
T L Penney b Watkinson	22
D R Brown not out	61
†K J Piper not out	3
Extras (b4, lb10, nb4)	18
Total (for 5, 104 overs)	374

Fall of wickets 109, 131, 202, 258, 364
To bat G Welch, N M K Smith, A F Giles, E S H Giddins.
Bowlings Martin 21–4–58–0; Chapple 21–3–74–3; Austin 21–2–82–0; Green 14–3–53–0, Watkinson 25–1–100–1; Flintoff 2–0–12–0

LANCASHIRE: †N Wood, M A Atherton, *I J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, A Flintoff, G D Lloyd, R J Green, G Chapple, M Watkinson, P J Martin, J D Austin.
Umpires D R Shepherd and G Sharp

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLAMORGAN

Trent Bridge: Glamorgan (4pts) lead Nottinghamshire (3) by 320 runs with all second-innings wickets standing.

GLAMORGAN
First Innings

S P James c Read b Evans	121
A Dale c Archer b Oram	22
M J Powell c Read b Evans	7
*M P Maynard c Johnson b Oram	2
P A Cottey c Johnson b Bowman	57
†A D Shaw c Johnson b Tolley	6
D A Cosker c Archer b Bowman	31
R D B Croft not out	63
S D Thomas c Sub b Afzaal	41
S L Watkin not out	2
Extras (b5, lb6, nb6)	19
Total (for 8 dec, 101 overs)	361

Fall of wickets 45, 52, 89, 170, 205, 212, 274, 347.
Did not bats O T Parkin.
Bowlings Oram 13–6–40–2; Bowen 17–2–86–0; Evans 21–2–84–2; Tolley 25–5–77–1, Bowman 19–7–42–2, Afzaal 5–1–29–1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
First Innings

M P Bowman c Maynard b Watkin	4
J E R Gallian not out	13
U Afzaal lbw b Dale	1
R T Robinson not out	13
Extras	0
Total (for 2 dec, 10.4 overs)	31

Fall of wickets 4, 8.
Did not bats *P Johnson, G F Archer, C M Tolley, K P Evans, †C M W Read, M N Bowen, A R Oram.
Bowlings Watkin 3–1–6–1 Parkin 3–0–0–0; Dale 2–0–11–1, Cottey 2–1–7–0; Maynard 0.4–0–5–0
Umpires P Willey and J W Lloyds

LEICESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

Leicester: Sussex (4pts) trail Leicestershire (2) by 248 runs with seven first-innings wickets standing

LEICESTERSHIRE
First Innings (overnight: 42-0)

V J Wells c Humphries b Kirtley	26
D L Maddy c Humphries b Kirtley	15
I J Sutcliffe lbw b Bevan	38
B F Smith c Humphries b Kirtley	2
P V Simmons c & b Kirtley	0
A Habib c Humphries b Bovan	20
†P A Nixon hit wicket b Jarvis	46
*C C Lewis c & b Jarvis	63
D J Millns not out	26
A D Mullally c Adams b Kirtley	16
M T Brimson c Jarvis b Bovan	14
Extras (b5, lb12, w2, nb4)	24
Total (96 overs)	289

Fall of wickets 43, 88, 70, 74, 112, 121, 214, 233, 266
Bowlings Lewry 19–7–59–0; Kirtley 27–5–83–5; Robinson 20–7–30–0 Jarvis 15–2–52–2; Bevan 15–4–44–3

SUSSEX
First Innings

M T E Peirce hit wicket b Mullally	0
W G Khan lbw b Millns	0
M Newell lbw b Wells	16
*C J Adams b Millns	10
M G Bevan not out	16
N R Taylor not out	6
Extras (lb1, nb6)	7
Total (for 4, 25 overs)	56

Fall of wickets 0, 0, 26, 43.
To bat P W Jarvis, †S Humphries, R J Kirtley, J D Lewry, M A Robinson
Bowlings Mullally 8–1–15–1; Millns 8–1–26–2, Brimson 5–3–5–0, Wells 4–1–9–1.
Umpires J C Balderstone and K E Palmer

Minor Counties Championship

Colwall: Herefordshire 224 (R D Hughes 132; Bond 4–39). Devon 38–0

Three-day matches

(Second day)

Canterbury: Kent 291–8 dec (J B Thompson 65no, S C Willis 58) Oxford University 109–4 **Headingley:** Cambridge University 331–7 (Imraan Mohammad 136, W J House 51) v Yorkshire.

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The Oval: Worcs won by one run
WORCESTERSHIRE

†T M Moody c & J Hollioake b B C Hollioake	20
V S Solanki b Tudor	29
G A Hick b Benjamin	33
D A Leatherdale c Tudor b Saqlain	13
G R Haynes c Batty b Benjamin	12
W P C Weston run out	23
S R Lampitt b A J Hollioake	9
†S J Rhodes c Batty b Saqlain	3
R K Illingworth b A J Hollioake	1
M J Rawnsley c Mushtaq b A J Hollioake	0
R J Chapman not out	0
Extras (lb20 w15 nb2)	37
Total (for 10, 39.1 overs)	180

Fall of wickets 48 68 109 135, 136 170 175 180 180
Bowlings: Bicknell 6–0–26–0, Benjamin 8–0–32–1 B C Hollioake 8–0–30–1, Tudor 5–0–18–1, Saqlain 7 1–0–33–2; A J Hollioake 5–0–15–3

SURREY

J D Ratcliffe c Solanki b Moody	42
A D Brown lbw b Haynes	2
G P Thorpe c Hick b Chapman	11
I J Ward c Hick b Moody	4
*A J Hollioake c Rhodes b Moody	1
B C Hollioake c Lampitt b Leatherdale	40
†J N Batty run out	35
M P Bicknell not out	30
A J Tudor run out	2
Saqlain Mushtaq run out	1
J E Benjamin not out	1
Extras (lb3, w2, nb2)	10
Total (for 9, 33 overs)	179

Fall of wickets: 9, 48, 48, 58, 95, 111 164 175, 178
Bowlings: Haynes 8–1–21–1, Chapman 4–0–23–1, Moody 8–1–17–2, Lampitt 6–0–28–0, Illingworth 4–0–32–0; Leatherdale 0–0–32–1, Rawnsley 3–0–15–0.
Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead

Tour match

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

Northampton: South Africans won by 98 runs (D/L method).
SOUTH AFRICANS

G Kirsten c Sales b Follett	33
L Klusener not out	142
J H Kallis c Warren b Penberthy	3
*W J Cronje c Walton b Taylor	77
Extras (b2, lb7, w10 nb2)	21
Total (for 3, 45 overs)	276

Fall of wickets: 75, 90 275
Did not bats †D E J Liebenberg, B M McMillan, J N Rhodes, S M Pollock, M Ntini, P R Adams, A A Donald.
Bowlings: Taylor 9–1–51–1, Malcolm 9–0–53–0 Penberthy 9–0–40–1, Follett 9–0–68–1, Snape 4–0–29–0, Curran 5–0–25–0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

†R J Warren c Kallis b Adams	61
R J Bailey run out	30
M B Loye c Donald b Ntini	19
D J G Sales c Kallis b Adams	4
A L Penberthy run out	7
T C Walton c Liebenberg b Ntini	0
*K M Curran not out	4
J N Snape run out	0
J P Taylor b Ntini	1
D Follett not out	9
Extras (lb2, w8, nb24)	34
Total (for 8, 45 overs)	189

Fall of wickets 80, 113 135, 161, 161, 174, 174 178
Did not bats D E Malcolm.
Bowlings Donald 6–0–28–0; Pollock 6–1–17–0; McMillan 6–1–19–0; Klusener 6–0–45–0, Adams 9–1–36–2; Ntini 9–0–32–3; Cronje 2–0–7–0; Rhodes 1–0–3–0.
Umpires: P Carrick and R A White.

Independence Cup

Galle, Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka v New Zealand. Match abandoned, rain. 1pt awarded to each side

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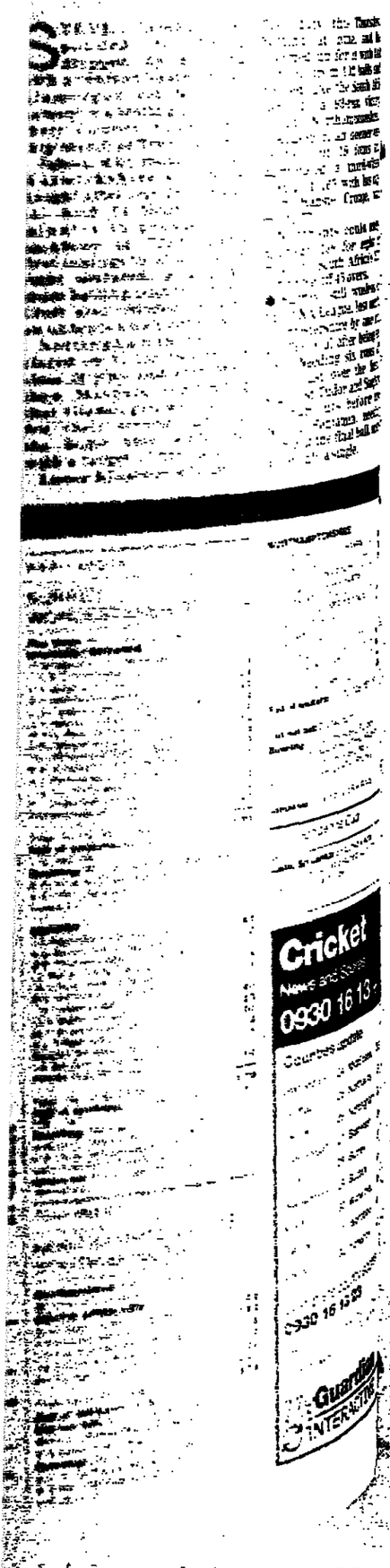
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Cricket

County Championship

Warwickshire v Lancashire

Knight has a nice day with 192

Mike Selvey at Edgbaston

FORM in county cricket may not, should not, be an overriding criterion for inclusion in the England team but there is something reassuring none the less when a player immediately underlines his selection. So while Steve James was busy trying to remind the selectors what they had missed with another century for Glamorgan, Nick Knight was trumping him by doing much the same thing for Warwickshire.

In a match that has been reduced to two days by the weather Knight was out for a career-best 192, having a whack shortly before the close as Warwickshire, winning the toss and batting first, reached 374 for five. For the match to go anywhere other than as a scramble for bowling points, a brace of forfeitures will probably be in order this morning. A chase for Lancashire will not be that easy, however, for Mike Watkinson gained some purchase with his off spin and the opportunity will be there for Ashley Giles to show why he too has been included in the England squad.

An optimist would say that Knight's consistent runs are a good omen for the Test. Pessimism, on the other hand, suggests that, although he has hit a rich vein of runs, fortune's wheel spins too rapidly and spitefully for comfort.

Yesterday's innings, virtually without blemish over six-and-a-half hours and with 21 fours, was his third century of the first-class summer and, if his 143 last Wednesday against Ireland in the NatWest Trophy is included, his third in four innings in all cricket. This is all too good to last, and the going will be harder in Manchester than it was yesterday on a slow pitch and against an attack deprived through injury once more of Wasim Akram.

For the second match running the Warwickshire innings was given a solid foundation by Knight and Mike Powell. Two weeks ago they both scored hundreds in adding 272 against Sussex: yesterday the opening partnership was worth 109 when Glen Chapple found the edge of Powell's bat. He played well for his 53.

While Knight was cashing in, the Warwickshire captain Brian Lara was no closer to disproving the notion that he is leading a demanding supplementary existence as a Mexican midfielder and a cyber-heroine. Fleetingly yesterday, when from successive deliveries he rocked on to the back foot and clubbed Watkinson's off spin through extra cover and then midwicket, the flame appeared to have been ignited. But things are just not going for him at present and it was a struggle thereafter, with Peter Martin in particular squaring him up and passing the outside edge, and then rapping him painfully on the hand.

He had batted 20 overs for his 25 before he was run out by Graham Lloyd's direct hit from cover as he backed up too far. It never rains, and all that.

Middlesex v Essex

Gatting doubles before the dealing

Norman de Mesquita at Southgate

FOR the third day running, rain took its toll of the action here at the Walker ground and by the time a prolonged lunch interval came to an end Mark Ramprakash and Paul Prichard, the two captains, had cooked up a deal in an attempt to ensure a meaningful finale today.

The agreement entailed a couple of passages of the sort that make cricket look eccentric, to say the least, to the uninitiated. First, Middlesex batted for two overs when play was resumed and added three runs before declaring on 488 for two.

As the day drew to its close Essex had scored a shade too quickly and with four overs left a long discussion involving captains and umpires preceded an over of near-wides by Ramprakash and one ball from David Nash, with Essex declining any run-scoring opportunities so that they might declare at the pre-arranged total of 151.

Middlesex will forfeit their second innings this morning and Essex will be left needing 338 to win off a minimum of 96 overs. On a pitch that has given little help to the bowlers so far it is not such a daunting task. It is even possible Ramprakash has been too generous.

The third day started with Mike Gatting on 180 and Ramprakash yet to score. Forty minutes after the start Gatting reached the 10th double century of his career, striking Ronnie Irani for three fours off four deliveries followed by a three.

When within sight of his career-best 258 not out, which he scored at Bath in 1984, Gatting holed out to Prichard at mid-off on 241. It came off 426 deliveries and he struck 30 boundaries. It was probably as good an innings as the 41-year-old has played for some years. If this is to be his last season he could well bow out on a high note.

On a pitch like this one batsmen hate to get out and Darren Robinson must have been bitterly disappointed when Gatting snapped him up at first slip off Jamie Hewitt with only five to his name.

Prichard fell nine overs later when he had made 23, trying to steer Angus Fraser to third man but succeeding only in getting a thin outside edge to the wicketkeeper.

Only one more wicket was to fall: that of Paul Grayson, taken at short midwicket off the bowling of Paul Weekes, but not before he had made 54, his best championship score of the season.

Then came the last rites, the bizarre final seven deliveries. But all will be worth it, if only north London can stay dry.

Somerset v Hampshire

White makes his mark as spinners fail to cash in

Richard Latham at Taunton

GILES WHITE, the Devonian whose Somerset career ended almost before it started with one appearance as a teenager in 1991, finally made his mark here as a forgettable contest meandered towards a contrived finish.

Hampshire's 26-year-old opener hit his fourth century to spoil the script for his old club just as Somerset's spinners thought they had finally found favourable conditions.

After weeks of slow, seaming tracks, Mushtaq Ahmed at last saw a brown surface seemingly more suited to his bag of leg-spin tricks. When Hampshire began their first innings five minutes before lunch White and John Stephenson were immediately confronted by the Pakistani and the off-spinner Adrian Pierson.

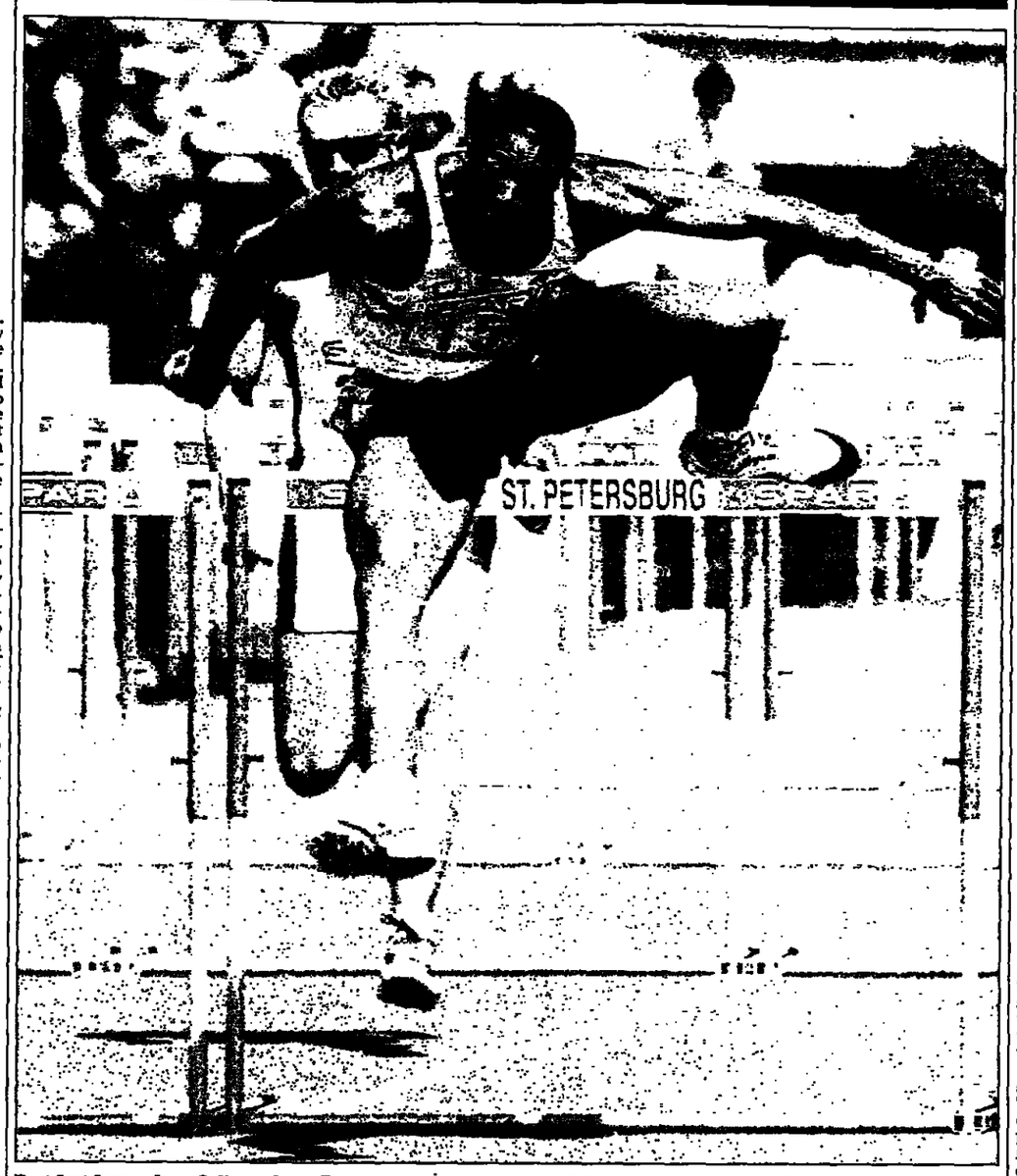
The home captain Peter Bowler, heartened by moving from 85 overnight to an overdue first century of the season, was ready to give his seamers Andy Caddick and Graham Rose comparatively light duties after Somerset had posted 378. But neither Mushtaq nor Pierson could summon the accuracy to exploit the situation and extract turn sharp enough to justify the posse of close fielders.

By the time Caddick was given a second spell Hampshire were 171 for one, the medium-pacer Keith Parsons removing Stephenson for 67, visibly annoyed at departing with a century in view. Mushtaq, curiously bowling largely around the wicket, and the lanky Pierson had shared 26 overs, conceding a combined total of 91 runs.

Stephenson's half-century featured 10 fours and a six, testimony to Somerset's failure to maintain line and length. White was less aggressive, but equally adept in dispatching the regular bad balls in reaching a fine 100 off 160 deliveries, with 14 fours.

He was out soon afterwards as Mushtaq belatedly broke through, but Paul Whitaker's breezy half-century took Hampshire to 259 for two, 121 runs behind.

Athletics: the European Cup



Best foot forward . . . Colin Jackson flows over the last to win the 110m hurdles for a fourth time MISHA JAPARIDZE

Britain find rich reserve to ensure last-lap victory

Duncan Mackay in St Petersburg sees a batch of youngsters clinch a remarkable win

BRITISH athletics may be bankrupt but on the track it showed it still has rich reserves of talent when the men retained the European Cup against the odds in the Petrovsky Stadium here yesterday.

At the end of an afternoon of fluctuating fortunes, during which the lead changed hands eight times in a fiercely fought competition, Britain clinched the trophy thanks to victory in the final event, the 4 x 400 metres relay. That meant Britain took the lead for the fourth time in the day and beat Germany by 2½ points.

The victory, which ensures Britain qualify for the World Cup final in Johannesburg in September, confounded the prediction of statisticians. None believed Britain could win without the retired Linford Christie, the inspiration for their victories in 1989 and 1997, or recover from missing leading athletes through injury. The women also shrugged off forecasts of relegation by finishing fifth in a competition won by Russia.

Just as on the first day, when outstanding performances from the unheralded high-jumper Ben Challenger, the long-jumper Nathan Morgan and the 3,000m runner Anthony Whiteman helped give Britain a seven-point lead, the lesser-known members of the squad were the cornerstone of yesterday's victory.

Mark Richardson, winner of the 400m on Saturday who anchored the relay team home, paid tribute to the youngsters brought in. "This is just a great team performance," he said. "No one expected us to win, not even ourselves. The second-string performers won it for us. They surpassed themselves."

While Colin Jackson was awarded the Athlete of the Meeting for his victory in the 110m hurdles, it was Doug Walker who was the real hero. After helping Britain's 4 x 100m relay team win on Saturday he was struck down by a stomach complaint overnight which threatened his place in the 200m.

But the 24-year-old from Edinburgh ignored the problem to race to victory in a personal best of 20.42sec as his rivals from Germany and Russia were floundering in sixth and seventh places respectively. He then rushed past television crews wanting to interview him to be violently sick in the tunnel.

Walker's win confirmed Britain had fully recovered from their disastrous start to the day. Their overnight lead was wiped out immediately when the pole-vaulter Mike Edwards no-heighted as Russia's Yevgeniy Smiryagin triumphed. "At one point I thought we had lost it," said Max Jones, Britain's performance director. "But we had a couple of good results and it was turned round."

It was Jackson who got Britain's challenge back on track when he won the 110m hurdles title for the fourth time. The Welshman, third in the previous day's 100m, flowed effortlessly over the barriers to clock 13.17sec, his ninth consecutive victory of the summer.

Coventry's Andy Hart then finished third in the 800m in a best of 1min 46.19sec after picking off four runners down the home straight. Walker continued the momentum and the triple-jumper Jonathan Edwards claimed Britain's fifth victory of the weekend in an event which proved the turning point of the match.

The Briton leapt 17.29m to win, as expected, for a fourth consecutive year. But the highly rated Andrey Kurennoy jumped only 15.95m and finished last — effectively ruling Russia out of contention.

Germany briefly regained the lead after Boris Henry's javelin win but were unable to finish within the two places of Britain required in the 4 x 400m relay, ending up fifth. Richardson was almost the length of the home straight ahead at the finish and could afford to showboat in the final few metres, putting the baton to his mouth as if lighting a celebratory cigar.

Picking up the trophy was a fitting end to the European Cup career of Roger Black, the team captain who is retiring at the end of the season. "I didn't even know some of these athletes' names before I came here but they scrapped for every point and proved everyone wrong who thought we couldn't win," he said.

The outstanding individual performance in the women's event came from Fiona May, the Slough-born athlete who turned her back on Britain to represent Italy. She set Italian national records in the triple-jump of 14.65m and long-jump of 7.08m to be named Female Athlete of the Meeting.

But she was run close by Paula Radcliffe. Having won the 5,000m on Saturday in a season's best of 15:06:87, Britain's new women's captain gave a stirring performance in the 1500m yesterday. She pushed Russia's Olga Komyagina all the way to the line to lose by 0.04sec in a time of 4:05:92, within a whisker of her fastest ever.



Radcliffe . . . first in the 5,000m, second in the 1500

Rugby League

Super League: Castleford 4 Wigan 34

Paul struts his stuff

Andy Wilson

WIGAN's signing of the Australian international Greg Florimo last week increased speculation that Henry Paul will return to New Zealand at the end of this season. If so, it will be a dreadful loss for the English game.

Paul ghosted through for two typically effortless tries to ensure his Wigan teammates could engage cruise-control mode for the last half-hour yesterday. There were clever kicks, flick-passes and a number of gliding runs as well as the odd infuriating error — paradoxically, part of Paul's appeal since he arrived here in 1993.

The Wigan coach John Monie is more impressed by the hard-nosed professionalism of Florimo; certainly he was not impressed by Paul's failure to appear at training on Saturday because he had overslept. Wigan have first option to re-sign Paul when his contract expires in the autumn, but Monie suggested that he may be sacrificed on the altar of the salary cap.

That tight cap was on Monie's mind when he complained he could not even afford "an interview" with Shaun Edwards when the player was available last week. That would also have been food for thought for Paul's half-back partner Tony Smith, had he been able to think clearly.

Smith had been clobbered by his former team-mate Dean Sampson in the 15th minute. He staggered off but returned a few minutes later and even played his part in the opening try. When the smelling salts wore off, though, Smith revisited Disneyland and was withdrawn after vomiting on the field.

Andy Farrell provided the final pass for the first three tries, respectively by Gary Connolly, Paul and Danny Moore. The hefty teenager Paul Smith replied but the home side were always outgunned and Paul Johnson scored Wigan's fifth try before Farrell ended the romp with a solo effort.

Castleford Gay; Wells, Maloney, Vowles, Chapman; Davis, Ford; Sampson, Orr, McKell, Schick, Tonks, Harland. **Substitutes:** Sykes, P Smith, M Smith, Flowers.
Wigan Radlinski; Bell, Connolly, Moore, Robinson; Paul, T Smith; Gowie, McCormack, Mostrov, Betts, Cassidy. Farrell. **Substitutes:** Gilmour, Haughton, O'Connor, P Johnson.
Referee: S Cummings (Widnes).

Goulding back with a bang

BOBBIE GOULDING kicked eight goals and crossed twice on his return from the bench to take St Helens to a 48–12 win over Salford at Knowsley Road.

Saints scored two tries in the first 13 minutes courtesy of Sean Long and Anthony Sullivan, leaving the Reds trailing 24–0 at the break.

Malcolm Alker scored Salford's first try in the 44th minute before Saints responded with three tries in seven minutes from Goulding, Chris Smith and Brett Goldspink.

Goulding's second try came in injury time when he took a Goldspink kick to plunge over.

Goulding, controversially dropped from the starting line-up four games ago, said: "I am glad to be back and hopefully I will keep my place."

Golf

Torrance turns the clock back

Gordon Richardson in Paris

SAM TORRANCE kept his nerve to end three summers without a win by clawing his way to his 21st Tour triumph in the French Open at National Club near Versailles yesterday.

After starting the day by losing the lead for the first time since his opening 64, Torrance drew on 27 years of tournament experience to answer the challenge of his Ryder Cup team-mate Bernhard Langer and a multi-national band of rising talents with a final-round 70.

Torrance's 12-under-par aggregate of 276 in the end gave him victory by two strokes but it came down to the last two holes after the 41-year-old Scot bogeyed the 15th to slip back to 10 under par. Italy's Massimo Florioli and the Frenchman Olivier Edmond had already returned 10-under totals and the Australian Matthew Goggin eagled the 18th to join them.

Langer, despite seeing birdie putts of 10 feet and 15 feet lip out at the 16th and 17th, set up a 12-foot eagle chance at the last that would have given him a 12-under aggregate, but again the ball stayed above ground.

Torrance, knowing he needed a birdie to win, got two. At the uphill 17th he steered a seven-wood to within 12 inches and left with the luxury of three putts to win he required only two.

Sporting the Scotland blue shirt and slacks he wore on Thursday, when he shot the eight-under round that was to prove the best of the tournament, Torrance has almost certainly secured one of five automatic spots still available in the next month's Open at Royal Birkdale.

"It was a very special day for me — I never felt like the second oldest man in the field," said the delighted Scot. "I feel strong and fit and young at heart and I am convinced I can win a few more tournaments before I am fifty.

"I got off to the worst start I could have when my second spun back into the water for a bogey at the first but I picked up a couple of quick birdies. I hit a lot of very good shots under pressure and it was always my tournament to lose."

Torrance's victory, his first since the 1995 British Masters, earned him £83,330 and took his European Tour winnings this season to £133,369, lifting him from 58th to 14th in the Volvo rankings.

Colin Montgomerie's closing 68 left him seven behind Torrance on 283 but he is back in upbeat mood as he contemplates the prospect of the hat-trick of Irish Open victories this week.

He used the putter he won the PGA Championship with — the only one left since he broke the other prodding the ground after a double bogey on Friday — to close with four birdies and two eagles. The first eagle came from 20 feet at the 3rd, the second with a 75-foot putt at the last.

He admitted: "It's been a disappointing week but having a bad week doesn't make me a bad player. The negative things that happened are instantly forgotten and I am going to Ireland with a very positive attitude."

● Fiji's Vijay Singh capped a bogey-free round with two birdies and an eagle over the closing five holes to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Western Open in Illinois.

The first-round leader Greg Kraft was two shots back at 203 after a six-under 66 and the defending champion Tiger Woods 11 strokes off the pace after firing a three-under 69.



Watch the birdie . . . Sam Torrance hails the winning putt

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Racing

Graham Rock sees Cash Asmussen given an armchair ride on Europe's top colt to lift Ireland's premier race

Dream Well strolls to Derby double

DREAM WELL became the third winner of the French Derby to triumph in the Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh yesterday, running away from City Honours in the final furlong to win by four-and-a-half lengths with Desert Fox a length away.

Restrained by Cash Asmussen until he let out an inch or two of rein approaching the final furlong, the 2-1 favourite was always cruising.

Risk Material and Takarian were battling for glory at the head of the field, but sweeping between the pair Dream Well destroyed them in half a dozen strides to emulate the double Derby victories of Assert and Old Vic.

"He is different class to any horse I have trained before," said Pascal Bary, who will now rest his stable star, bringing him back in the autumn to run in the Prix Niel as a preliminary to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "He is fantastic, a professional who does what you want him to."

Persistent rain had turned the race into a rare test of stamina, but not for a stride did Asmussen seem to be worried.

"When we turned into the straight and they fanned out, there was never and real doubt," he said. The American, who won the Arc on Suave Dancer six years ago, is looking forward to riding Dream Well at Longchamp. "I'd have to say this would be one of my better chances," he added with a smiling understatement.

Simon Crisford had no excuses for Godolphin's runner-up. "He went through the ground, but was beaten by a very good horse. You could name the winner four furlongs out, and it wasn't City Honours!"

With Sadian, partnered by Kieren Fallon, finishing lame in last place, it was a disappointing challenge from the English raiders, and across the Channel Silver Patriarch was beaten into fourth place behind André Fabre's Fragrant Mix in a tactical race for the Group One Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud.

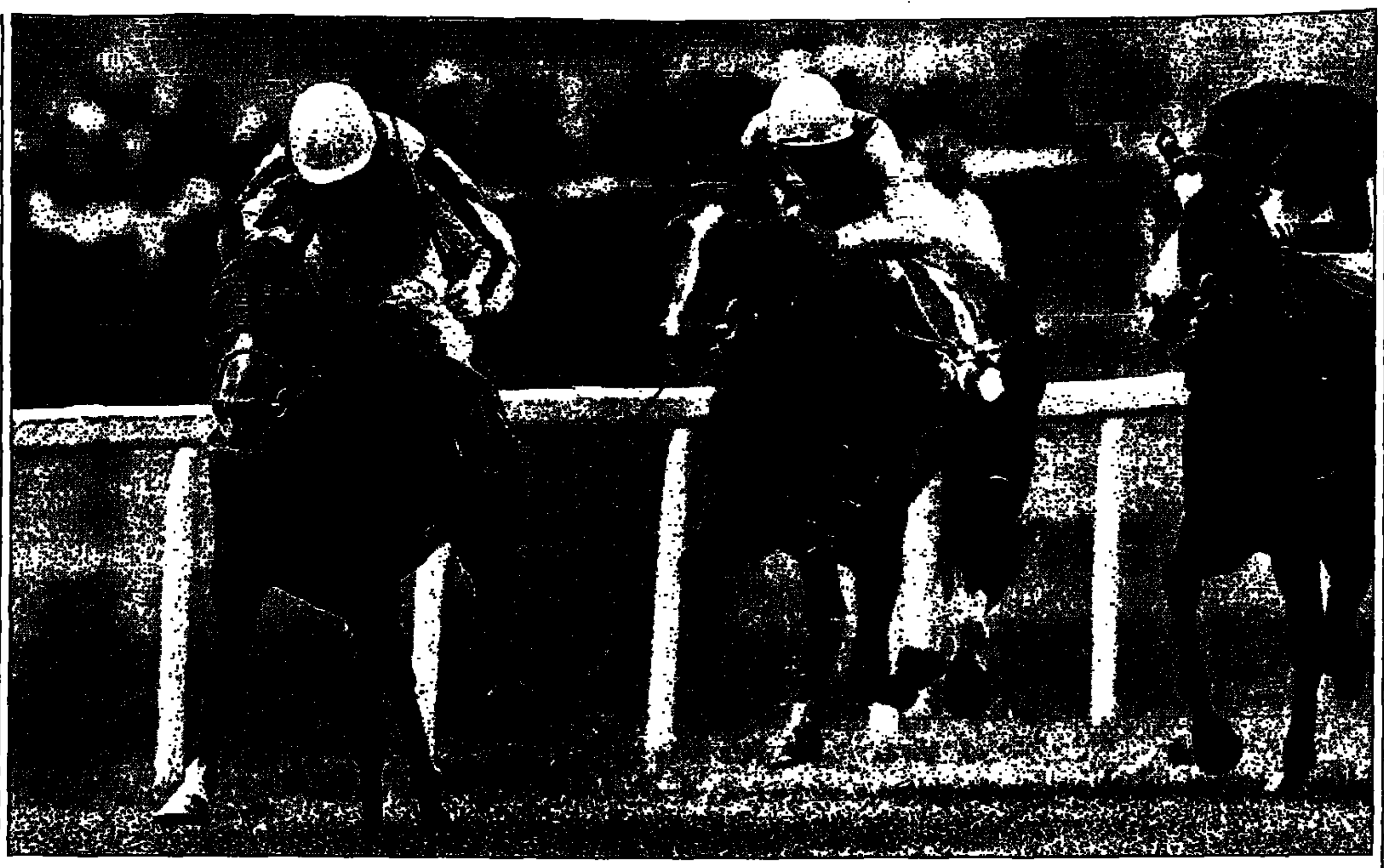
The winner had previously landed the Grand Prix de Chantilly under an inspired ride from Olivier Peslier, and once again the French champion jockey set out to make the running.

John Reid and Romanov took over after half a mile, but was unwilling to step up the tempo significantly. "That would have played into Pat's hands," he said. Eddery was hard at work as soon as the field levelled up in the straight, and the Coronation Cup winner could make no ground on the leaders.

Peslier had been biding his time, and bringing Fragrant Mix between the two English challengers, his mount quickened clear in the final 100 metres to beat Romanov by a length with Gazelle Royale a further length and a half away and Silver Patriarch, the heavily-backed 9-10 favourite, a further three-quarters back in fourth.

"He's a stayer who needs a decent gallop, but we didn't want to go on," said John Dunlop explaining Silver Patriarch's lacklustre performance.

"The pace was much too slow, as we thought it might be," said Eddery. "He was not beaten on merit." Peter Chapple-Hyam was pleased with Romanov, who was defeating Silver Patriarch for the second time this season, and these two high-class horses will meet for a third battle in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot three weeks on Saturday.



Class act . . . Cash Asmussen surges clear on Dream Well in yesterday's Classic at The Curragh PHOTOGRAPH: JULIAN HERBERT/ALLSPORT

Sport in brief

Smith has all-clear for Wednesday job

RANGERS yesterday insisted they will not stand in Walter Smith's way if the former Ibrox manager decides to accept Sheffield Wednesday's offer to take over at Hillsborough. Smith is reported to have had talks with the Premiership club about replacing Ron Atkinson in a new managerial team with his old Rangers No. 2 Archie Knox.

Such a move would disappoint the Ibrox hierarchy, who were hoping that Smith will stay at the club in a new role to be defined in conjunction with in-coming head coach Dick Advocaat. However Donald Findlay, the Rangers vice-chairman, remains optimistic that Smith will continue his long association with the former Scottish champions.

Findlay said: "I haven't spoken to Walter for a while because he has been away in France at the World Cup, but there is a job here for him and as things stand, we are expecting him to take it. But if he wanted to go somewhere else, we would respect that. It is entirely his decision."

Ainslie favourite to win class

BEN AINSLIE, Britain's Olympic silver medallist and Laser world champion, is poised to win his class at Kiel Olympic Classes Week after eight races, *writes Bob Fisher*. Ainslie, sailing in the 163-strong Laser fleet is leading Australia's Michael Blackburn by seven points with one more day to go. The Olympic gold medallist, Robert Scheidt of Brazil is fourth. Ian Barker and Simon Hiscocks lead their class, the 49er, by two points from the early leaders, Francesco and Gabriele Bruni of Italy, while the world champions, the Nicholson brothers from Australia, are in third, seven points behind the leaders.

Doohan races to victory

AUSTRALIA's Michael Doohan clinched the 500cc Dutch motorcycle Grand Prix yesterday in Assen. The Honda rider claimed his third win in seven races this season, beating Max Biaggi of Italy by less than half a second, with Simon Cafar of New Zealand in third. Doohan, the reigning world champion, now lies second in the championship, three points behind Biaggi.

In the 250cc race, victory went to Italy's Valentino Rossi, riding an Aprilia. Rossi, third in the world championship, was almost 20 seconds clear of team-mate Jurgens Fuchs of Germany, with champion Haruchika Aoki of Japan third on a Honda.

History was made in the 125cc race when 15-year-old Marco Melandri beat favourite Kazuto Sakata. Melandri now becomes the youngest-ever winner of a Grand Prix event.

A first for women's eights

AMONG all the razzmatazz of World Cups — rowing's own as well as soccer's — Henley more than holds its head high with a glittering entry for its 17 events which start on Wednesday, *writes Christopher Dodd*. Next weekend will see women's international eights on rowing's most famous one mile 770 yards for the first time, as well as the appearance of Redgrave and Pinsent, who with James Cracknell and Tim Foster take on the Oarsome Foursome, the Australian Olympic champions.

In the Grand the British and German national eights have been selected and are the likely finalists especially with the British crew's second place in the most recent round of the World Cup. The likely finalists in the Diamonds are the holder, Greg Searle of Molesey, and the world champion Jamie Koven of the US who was beaten by Searle in an epic semi-final last year.

Pontefract Jackpot card with guide to the form

	GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.45	Anno Domini	Anno Domini
3.15	Donna's Double	Highbury Legend
3.45	Mouche	Mouche
4.15	Principality	Principality
4.45	Kald	Bolshoi Star
5.15	Tapatch	No Cliches

Left-handed, undulating course of 2m with run-in of just over 2f. Premium on stamina.
Going: Good. ★ Denotes blinkers.
Draw: Low numbers favoured up to 1m.
Seven day winners: 4.15 Light Fingered; 5.15 Clue Up.
Blinkered or visored first time: None.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing. J, Jumps.

2.45 ROBERT BOWETT SAAB MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES 2YO
5f £3,908 (13 declared)

101 (10)	5	Anno Domini (18) P Cole 8-7	T Quinn ●	90
102 (9)	0	Clandius (23) R Fahey 8-7	R Winston (5)	79
103 (3)		Archie Babe J J Quinn 8-5	A Culhane	—
104 (8)		Bolt From The Blue N Tinkler 8-5	Kim Tinkler	—
105 (13)	0350	Formidable Star (10) N Littmoden 8-5	J Carroll	87
106 (5)	5	Rajmata (9) Sir M Prescott 8-5	S Sanders	86
107 (11)	05	Lashkari Gold (44) J Berry 8-3	K Darley	84
108 (4)		Seven Stars M Tompkins 8-3	D Biggs	—
109 (12)	5	Coeur de Lion (14) D Nicholls 8-2	F Norton	86
110 (1)		Record Time E Alston 8-2	M Henry	—
111 (6)	2	Seyaford Welcome (18) J Hetherton 8-0	R Carlisle	88
112 (2)	500	Call Me Lucky (38) M Brittain 7-12	D Mernagh (7)	85
113 (7)	53	Codicil (14) Mrs J Ramsden 7-12	W Supple	88

Betting: 11-4 Anno Domini, 7-2 Seyaford Welcome, 9-2 Rajmata, 7-1 Seven Stars, Codicil.

FORM GUIDE - Anno Domini: Dwelt, one pace final furlong, 5th of 14, 5l behind Flanders, with Formidable Star (gave 3lb) 7th, btn 7l, at Ascot 5f, Gd-Sft. Clandius: Always in rear, 10th of 11, 13l behind Shining Desert at Haydock 5f, Gd. Rajmata: Never dangerous after, 5th of 7, 4l behind Ringside Jack at Redcar 5f, Gd-Sft. Lashkari Gold: Faded two out, 5th of 8, 10l behind Paula's Joy at Thirsk 5f nov, Gd-Fm. Seyaford Welcome: Disputed lead inside final furlong, 2nd of 14, shd behind Light Fingered, with Call Me Lucky (rec 7lb) 8th, btn 7l, at Carlisle 5f auct, Gd-Sft. Codicil: Not quicken final furlong, 3rd of 10, 6l behind Susan's Dowry at Pontefract 6f mdn auct, Sft.

3.15 SMEATON SELLING HANDICAP 3YO
1m 4f £2,616 (18 declared)

201 (17)	045	Taffy Star (33) J Pearce 9-7	K Darley	82
202 (9)	0-306	Verocity (26) G Wragg 9-6	M Hills	84
203 (2)	-05000	Bever Soul (9) P Howling 9-2	S Sanders	77
204 (1)	545020	Ellenber (12) W McKeown 9-0	J Weaver	86
205 (17)	000	Fairy Three (23) S C Williams 8-13	A McGlone	86
206 (13)	6-3033	Donna's Double (18) Eraco Incisa 8-11	Kim Tinkler	88
207 (14)	050-03	Sharp Shooter (32) S Kettlewell 8-10	J Fortune	88
208 (6)	000200	Highbury Legend (17) Bob Jones 8-10	F Norton ●	90
209 (12)	00-060	Rude Shock (12) M Tompkins 8-7	D Biggs	82
210 (8)	0500-0	Ladyofdistinction (14) J Wainwright 8-6	A Culhane	77
211 (3)	060-04	Thatsya (8) P Evans 8-6	C Cogan (7)	80
212 (16)	5-6006	Intuitive (12) J Eyre 7-13	T Williams	81
213 (4)	50-00	Lake Wobegone (4) John Berry 7-12	M Henry ★	78
214 (7)	030004	Wee Christy (10) W McKeown 7-12	R Winston (5)	83
215 (5)	00-006	Cadasorita (37) A Newcombe 7-11	N Carlisle	84
216 (10)	064650	Jeff Fille (11) J Hammond 7-10	S Mahoney	83
217 (15)	006	Sleeveless (14) J Turner 7-10	W Supple	82
218 (18)	060	Unchained Melody (23) John Berry 7-10	Declan O'Shea	83

Betting: 4-1 Donna's Double, 5-1 Verocity, 8-1 Ellenber, Sharp Shooter, 10-1 Fairy Three, Highbury Legend, Rude Shock, Intuitive, Wee Christy.

FORM GUIDE - Verocity: Led until ran wide 9f out, 6th of 7, 20l behind Red Romona at Folkestone 1m4f auct, Gd. Fairy Three: 8th of 11, 12l behind Silver Rhapsody at Newmarket 1m2f, Gd. Donna's Double: Ran on, 3rd of 15, 4l behind River Beat at Carlisle 1m1f hcap, Gd-Sft. Sharp Shooter: Hampered over 1l out, 3rd of 8, 3l behind Prophetic Pride at Ayr 1m2f mdn claim, Gd-Fm. Highbury Legend: Headway over 6f out, weakened over 2f out, 8th of 14, 16l behind Ardleigh Charmer at Sandown 1m3y hcap, Gd-Sft. Rude Shock: 12th of 18, 25l behind Ron's Round at Nottingham 1m2f sell hcap, Gd-Sft. Intuitive: Never near to challenge, 6th of 20, 6l behind Queen Of Shannon, with Ellenber (gave 16lb) 17th, btn 19l, at Ripon 1m app sell hcap. Sft. Wee Christy: Faded final furlong, 4th of 10, 5l behind Seconds Away at Ayr 1m app sell hcap, Gd.

3.45 TOTE FILLIES' HANDICAP
6f £7,304 (11 declared)

301 (2)	404413	Royal Dream (12) (D) J Berry 3-9-12	J Carroll	87
302 (3)	2-0030	Positive Air (12) B McMahon 3-9-10	T Quinn	83
303 (6)	000634	Mouche (2) (D) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-8	J Fortune ●	90
304 (1)	540-36	Angel Hill (12) R Fahey 3-9-8	R Winston (5)	88
305 (5)	-05204	Caution (11) (D) S Gollings 4-9-6	J Weaver	88
306 (7)	004344	Inchalong (12) (D) M Brittain 3-9-6	D Mernagh (7)	86
307 (4)	002112	Pigeon (12) (D) D Barker 3-9-5	T Williams	87
308 (9)	22100-	Moon Fairy (207) (D) J G Smyth-Osbourne 4-9-2	R Perham	84
309 (11)	400215	Nassaut (6) (D) M Wane 5-9-0	R Pollard (7)	84
310 (5)	-10532	Pharaoh's Joy (9) (D) A Newcombe 5-8-12	D Griffiths (3)	85
311 (10)	052100	Dominelle (4) (D) T Easterby 6-8-10	K Darley	86

Betting: 3-1 Mouche, 5-1 Royal Dream, Pigeon, 7-1 Caution, 8-1 Angel Hill, Inchalong, Dominelle, 10-1 Pharaoh's Joy, 14-1 Nassaut.

FORM GUIDE - Mouche: 4th of 19, more than 1l behind Girl Of My Dreams at Doncaster 7f fils hcap, Gd. Caution: Outpaced, headway 2f out, kept on, no impression, 4th of 8, 4l behind Lago di Varano at Ripon 5f hcap, Sft. Pigeon: Led, edged right 2f out, headed and not quicken just inside final furlong, 2nd of 10, 3l behind Marton Moss, with Royal Dream (gave 7lb) 3rd, btn 2½l, Inchalong (rec 4lb) 4th, btn 4½l, Angel Hill (gave 6lb) 6th, btn 6l, Positive Air (gave 10lb) 7th, btn 6l, at Ripon 6f hcap, Sft. Dominelle: Chased leaders until weakened over 1f out, 9th of 14, 13l behind Night Flight at Newcastle 6f hcap, Gd.

4.15 SPINDRIFTER CONDITIONS STAKES
6f £4,353 (4 declared)

401 (2)	611	Light Fingered (5) M Tompkins 9-6	A Nicholls (7)	85
402 (1)	-51	Focus (18) (D) P Cole 9-2	T Quinn	88
403 (4)	21224	Principality (18) J Berry 9-2	K Darley ●	90
404 (3)	22211	First Musical (6) (D) M Brittain 8-11	D Mernagh (7)	84

Betting: 2-1 Principality, 9-4 Focus, 3-1 First Musical, 4-1 Light Fingered.

FORM GUIDE - Light Fingered: Headway 3f out, led 1f out, edged left, ridden out, beating Dreaming 2l at Epsom 7f nov, Gd. Focus: Led until headed over 1f out, rallied final furlong, carried right, kept on well, 2nd of 9, shd behind Princely Dream (later awarded race) at York 6f mdn, Gd-Sft. Principality: Headway under pressure over 1f out, never nearer, 4th of 14, 3l behind Flanders at Ascot 5f stks, Gd-Sft. First Musical: Chased leaders, ridden to lead inside final furlong, ran on, beating Get Stuck 1l at Ayr 5f nov, Gd-Fm.

4.45 WRAGBY MAIDEN STAKES
1m 2f £3,518 (6 declared)

501 (4)	60	Cameron Jack (58) J Bethell 9-0	J Weaver	78
502 (6)	04	Kald (38) E Dunlop 9-0	J Fortune	87
503 (2)	0-	Killerman Kilmaine (457) A Bailey 9-0	R Lappin	—
504 (5)	02	Bolshoi Star (6) M Johnston 8-9	J Carroll ●	90
505 (3)		Innuendo L Cumani 8-9	R French	—
506 (1)	64	Mellowmyrtle (38) R Craggs 8-9	G Parkin	79

Betting: 6-4 Innuendo, 11-4 Bolshoi Star, 9-2 Kald, 7-1 Killerman Kilmaine, 10-1 Cameron Jack.

FORM GUIDE - Cameron Jack: Lost place over 3f out, 6th of 9, 24l behind Al-Fateh at Newcastle 1m2f, Gd-Sft. Kald: Dwelt, ran on one pace, 4th of 8, 15l behind Sea Wave at Lingfield 1m2f, Gd. Killerman Kilmaine: Never a factor, 10th of 11, 21l behind Risky Whisky at Haydock 5f auct, Sft. Bolshoi Star: No extra, 2nd of 7, 6l behind Harmony at Beverley 1m, Gd.

5.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
1m 2f £2,151 (9 declared)

601 (2)	40060/	King Rules (717) J Eyre 5-9-13	S Buckley	79
602 (1)	01216-	Kernof (224) (CD) (BF) M Hammond 5-9-12	P Howard (7)	86
603 (4)	-15606	No Cliches (16) (D) D Nicholls 5-9-12	D McGaffin ●	90
604 (8)	00-201	Clued Up (5) (5lb ex) (D) P Evans 5-8-6	C Cogan (3) ★	87
605 (5)	0-4325	Blowing Away (22) M Tompkins 4-8-11	A Nicholls	88
606 (9)	0-0140	Noirie (10) (CD) M Brittain 4-8-8	D Mernagh	83
607 (7)	440343	Tapatch (217) M W Easterby 10-8-8	S Finnamore (5) ★	85
608 (3)	01000-	Bold Top (252) (C) M Sowersby 6-8-7	J Fowle	85
609 (1)	0010-4	Welsh Mountain (38) K Morgan 5-8-4	R Brisland (3)	87

Betting: 9-4 Clued Up, 5-1 No Cliches, 6-1 Kernof, 13-2 Blowing Away, 8-1 Noirie, Tapatch, Welsh Mountain.

Southwell (A.W.)

	GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.30	Final Claim	Dark Menace
3.00	Zoryaf	Heathyards Sheik (nb)
3.30	Norald Lad (nb)	Norald Lad
4.00	Minnesota	Minnesota
4.30	Trisa's Pet	Trisa's Pet
5.00	Rowlandsons Stud	Rude Awakening

Right-handed, oval track of almost 1¼m with sharp turns and 4f run-in. Straight 5f.
Going: Standard. ★ Denotes blinkers. ● Top form rating.
Draw: No advantage. **Seven day winners:** 2.30 Cheerful Groom.
Blinkered first time: 3.00 Saratoga Sega.

2.30 CHELSEA HANDICAP
1m £2,658 (16 declared)

1 (7)	056443	Bentico (11) (CD) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-13	D Sweeney ★	87
2 (7)	401041	Cheerful Groom (3) (6lb ex) (D) D Shaw 7-9-11	N Callan (7)	85
3 (8)	0-2540	Domino Flyer (42) (CD) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-10	G Duffield	84
4 (2)	0-6866	Enchanting Eve (61) (C) (D) C Allen 4-9-9	J D Smith (3)	78
5 (10)	534653	U-No-Harry (11) (C) R Hollinshead 5-9-5	A McCarthy (3)	86
6 (14)	20-400	Final Claim (38) J FitzGerald 3-8-11	W J O'Connor	82
7 (12)	500540	Molly Music (11) (CD) G Margarson 4-8-10	N Day ★	89
8 (4)	341165	Genuine John (28) (C) (D) J Parkes 5-8-10	L Charnock	87
9 (8)	0-0540	Soaking (16) (D) P Burgoyne 8-8-10	J Tate	79
10 (15)	-60020	Sparkling Harry (11) Miss L Siddall 4-8-9	Dean McKeown	88
11 (5)	40-00	Princess Olivia (25) M Ryan 3-8-6	G Carter	78
12 (3)	-00251	Dark Menace (11) (C) E Wheeler 6-8-7	B O'Leary (7) ★ ●	90
13 (6)	063030	Holloway Melody (12) (D) B McMahon 5-8-4	L Newton	86
14 (13)	4-5063	The Imposter (9) D Murray Smith 3-8-4	C Lowther	84
15 (16)	000260	Mr Fund Switch (14) S Bowring 3-7-10	R Kennedy	85
16 (11)	03006-	Your The Limit (303) J Parkes 5-7-10	J Quinn	—

Betting: 11-2 Bentico, 13-2 Genuine John, 7-1 Cheerful Groom, 8-1 Domino Flyer, Enchanting Eve, Final Claim.

3.00 HAMPSTEAD APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES 3YO
1m 3f £1,863 (7 declared)

1 (7)	00	Saratoga Sega (7) M Janes 9-3	L Stoker (7) ★	79
2 (5)	250030	Sharp Monkey (7) (C) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	P McCabe ★	88
3 (6)	-50333	Felony (11) D Murray Smith 5-9	R Studholme (5)	80
4 (1)	300110	Heathyards Sheik (23) (C) R Hollinshead 8-8	A McCarthy ●	90
5 (2)	045630	Zoryaf (3) B Meehan 5-9	G Hannon (7) ★	89
6 (4)	001606	Wedding Band (16) (D) N Tinkler 8-8	R Tinkler ★	85
7 (3)	056445	Sky Mountain (7) (BF) S Bowring 8-7	C Teague ★	87

Betting: 9-4 Heathyards Sheik, 7-2 Zoryaf, 11-2 Sharp Monkey, 6-1 Sky Mountain, 7-1 Felony, Wedding Band.

3.30 I.B.M.S. HANDICAP
1m 4f £2,951 (8 declared)

1 (6)	645034	Evezio Rufo (8) (CD) N Littmoden 6-9-10	A McCarthy (3) ★	88
2 (1)	3-3321	Polo Venture (37) S Woods 3-9-10	N Day	86
3 (5)	000-12	Norald Lad (17) (BF) M Prescott 3-9-4	G Duffield ●	90
4 (2)	130025	Avanti Blue (8) (D) K McAuliffe 4-8-13	C Lowther ★	89
5 (7)	0-6301	Courage Under Fire (11) (CD) D Aberfoot 3-8-6	R Price	87
6 (8)	333025	Golden Ace (13) R Spicer 5-8-5	J Quinn	82
7 (3)	44002	Welcome Lu (12) (C) J L Harris 5-8-3	J Lowe	86
8 (4)	003460	Shotthecock (8) (C) D Chapman 7-7-12	L Charnock	80

Betting: 7-4 Norald Lad, 7-2 Polo Venture, 9-2 Evezio Rufo, 6-1 Avanti Blue, 10-1 Welcome Lu.

4.00 E.B.F. PUTNEY MAIDEN STAKES 2YO
7f £3,102 (6 declared)

1 (4)	6	Dossier (4) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	87
2 (7)	5	Lfigate (17) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	86
3 (2)	32	Minnesota (10) (BF) H Callaghan 9-0	N Callan (7) ●	90
4 (3)	5	Mr Solitaire (23) P Cole 9-0	C Rutter	87
5 (5)	06	The Haka (15) G Enwery 9-0	N Day	84
6 (6)	0	Time To Wyn (13) J FitzGerald 9-0	W J O'Connor	82

Betting: 9-4 Minnesota, 3-1 Mr Solitaire, 7-2 Dossier, Lfigate, 14-1 The Haka, Time To Wyn.

4.30 DOCKLANDS FILLIES' SELLING STAKES 2YO
5f £1,918 (4 declared)

1 (4)	0065	Starnine (17) R Spicer 8-8	J Quinn	88
2 (2)		Station Gal J Wharton 8-8	Dale Gibson	—
3 (3)	40022	Super Strides (8) (BF) C Fairhurst 8-8	C Lowther	85
4 (1)	004	Trisa's Pet (11) B Meehan 8-8	G Duffield ●	90

Betting: 11-8 Super Strides, 6-4 Trisa's Pet, 11-2 Station Gal, 7-1 Starnine.

5.00 MAYFAIR HANDICAP
6f £2,637 (11 declared)

1 (9)	050-00	Lunar Music (2) S Bowring 4-9-13	C Teague (3)	83
2 (4)	5-6002	Inflation (11) J Leigh 4-9-3	J Quinn	84
3 (3)	654536	Rude Awakening (9) (CD) C Fairhurst 4-9-6	C Lowther ★ ●	90
4 (3)	3-4301	Rowlandsons Stud (18) (D) K Comerford 5-9-5	P Dobbs (7)	87
5 (11)	400003	Petite Danseuse (15) (D) (BF) D Chapman 4-9-1	L Charnock	86
6 (10)	0-0354	Petraco (3) (D) N Smith 10-8-11	J Bramhill	86
7 (1)	0050	Trent Marilly (10) C Smith 4-8-8	C Rutter	82
8 (8)	0-5003	Solonian (301) (D) P Felgate 5-8-3	A McCarthy (3)	79
9 (5)	500250	Tom (6) J Hetherton 3-8-2	N Kennedy ★	87
10 (7)	00-006	Mile Dealer (3) J Balding 4-8-2	J Edmunds	83
11 (2)	35/000	Fighter Squadron (3) (C) (D) R Peacock 9-7-10	Dale Gibson ★	78

Betting: 4-1 Petraco, 5-1 Petite Danseuse, 11-2 Rowlandsons Stud, 6-1 Inflation, 7-1 Rude Awakening.

Windsor tonight

	GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
6.40	Vanborough Lad	Chrysalis
7.10	Cheyenne Gold	Cheyenne Gold
7.40	She-Wolff	She-Wolff
8.10	Shifting Time	Delta Soleil
8.40	Paddy McGoon	Dauphin
9.10	El Ghazzee	Lady Rockstar

Figure-eight track of 1½m, though only right-hand turns occur in races up to 1m70yds
Going: Good to soft. ★ Denotes blinkers. ● Top form rating.
Draw: High numbers favoured in sprints.
Seven day winners: 9.10 Lady Rockstar, Perfect Poppy
Blinkered or visored first time: None.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing

6.40 ROYAL LONDON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND HCAP — SKY
1m 67yds £3,318 (18 declared)

1 (15)	1401-4	Baba Au Rhum (35) (D) I Williams 6-10-0	T Sprake	88
2 (6)	005010	Village Native (18) (D) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-9	S Sanders ★	82
3 (1)	2-3300	Ca'd'oro (10) (D) G Balding 5-9-6	S Drowne	85
4 (14)	60-406	Whatever's Right (14) (CD) M Usher 9-9-3	W Ryan	87
5 (18)	35-033	Chrysalis (17) D Arbuthnot 3-9-1	S Whitworth ●	90
6 (9)	415204	Scathebury (19) (CD) K Burke 5-9-0	K Fallon	86
7 (5)	10-500	Rototimeout (17) V Soane 5-8-13	F Lynch	84
8 (12)	45-222	Browsing (87) (BF) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11	D Harrison	86
9 (3)	00-100	Delight Of Dawn (42) (CD) E Wheeler 6-8-10	B O'Leary (7) ★	87
10 (10)	000-3	Final Settlement (23) J Jenkins 3-8-6	A McGlone	89
11 (8)	450420	Vanborough Lad (2) (D) (BF) M Bolton 9-8-3	M Henry	84
12 (4)	50-030	Eileen's Lady (24) G Margarson 4-8-1	G Carter	79
13 (11)	360444	Multi Franchise (6) (D) R Flower 5-7-13	Martin Dwyer	83
14 (16)	000-05	Fort Knox (32) (D) R Flower 7-7-10	M Baird (3) ★	84
15 (2)	114001	Digpast (3) (D) J Bridger 8-7-10	G Bardwell ★	78
16 (7)	006560	Fancy Design (30) P Mitchell 5-7-10	Aimee Cook (5) ★	88
17 (13)	500-00	Press Again (21) P Hayward 6-7-10	F Doe (5)	77
18 (17)	00-00	Bit Of A Lad (121) R Flower 3-7-10	J Lowe	78

Betting: 6-1 Final Settlement, 7-1 Chrysalis, 8-1 Baba Au Rhum, Ca'd'oro, Browsing, Vanborough Lad, 10-1 Whatever's Right.

7.10 HENDERSON INVESTORS NOV AUCTION STAKES 2YO — SKY
5f £3,176 (9 declared)

1 (5)	11	Cheyenne Gold (28) (CD) R Hannon 9-2	Pat Eddery ●	90
2 (6)	14	Red Lion (26) (D) (BF) J W Payne 8-13	G Carter	89
3 (4)		Mujadens B Meehan 8-10	K Fallon	—
4 (7)	10	Charlene Lacy (73) (D) A Jarvis 8-7	J Reid	88
5 (1)	60	Macho Color (19) B Meehan 8-7	M Tebbutt	83
6 (2)	0	Prince Of Aragon (44) K Ivory 8-7	R Cochrane	82
7 (9)	5321	Acuria (16) (D) Mrs P Dutfield 8-5	P Doe (5)	87
8 (3)	00	A La Parruche (19) R Curtis 8-4	J Lowe	79
9 (8)	0	Satin Slipper (25) K Ivory 7-13	Martin Dwyer	78

Betting: 11-10 Cheyenne Gold, 5-1 Red Lion, 6-1 Charlene Lacy, 7-1 Acuria, 12-1 Mujadens, Prince Of Aragon, 16-1 Macho Color.

7.40 BELL POTTINGER FILLIES' CONDITIONS STAKES 2YO — SKY
6f £4,536 (8 declared)

1 (8)	1	Gipsy Rose Lee (16) B Meehan 8-12	Pat Eddery	87
2 (3)	15	She-Wolff (12) (D) P Makin 8-12	S Sanders ●	90
3 (5)	0	Be In Love (14) R Hannon 8-8	Dane O'Neill	78
4 (4)	0	Milady Lillie (43) K Ivory 8-8	C Scally	79
5 (1)	4	Sweet Charity (16) M Jarvis 8-8	P Robinson	86
6 (7)		Annie Apple R Hannon 8-5	W J O'Connor	—
7 (2)		Betterwood I Balding 8-5	L Dettori	—
8 (6)		Red May R Hannon 8-5	R Perham	—

Betting: 9-4 She-Wolff, 4-1 Gipsy Rose Lee, Betterwood, 6-1 Sweet Charity, 8-1 Be In Love, 10-1 Annie Apple, Red May, 25-1 Milady Lillie.

8.10 FLEMING HANDICAP — SKY
6f £3,591 (11 declared)

1 (1)	000/0-	High Priority (254) J Sheehan 5-10-0	R Hughes	—
2 (7)	0-0045	Sir Joey (20) (D) P Murphy 9-9-10	S Drowne	88
3 (2)	000501	Delta Soleil (20) (D) V Soane 6-9-8	R Cochrane ●	90
4 (4)	040400	Sassoon (7) (D) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-5	T Sprake	87
5 (6)	000532	Cauda Equina (6) (D) M Channon 4-8-13	Pat Eddery	88
6 (11)	110-00	Chipstead Bay (153) (D) (BF) K Ivory 4-8-9	C Scally	86
7 (5)	00-041	Shifting Time (16) (D) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-7	W Ryan	87
8 (3)	0-0000	Weston Park (6) K Comerford 4-7-10	N Adams	77
9 (9)	0060-5	Last Chance (25) D Cosgrove 4-7-10	J Lowe	84
10 (10)	100003	Sihafi (9) (D) D Nicholls 5-7-10	F Doe (5)	81
11 (8)	306005	Phila Gaz (16) (D) J Bridger 5-7-10	G Bardwell	82

Betting: 9-4 Cauda Equina, 9-2 Shifting Time, 5-1 Delta Soleil, 6-1 Sir Joey, Sassoon, 12-1 Sihafi, 14-1 Chipstead Bay, Last Chance.

8.40 SUNDAY BUSINESS HANDICAP
1m 3f 135yds £3,571 (13 declared)

1 (3)	36000-	Cordial Knight (J35) C Morlock 5-9-13	R Perham	—
2 (9)	0-0106	Pay Homage (26) (D) I Balding 10-9-13	Martin Dwyer	87
3 (6)	540-20	Gee Bee Boy (21) A Jarvis 4-9-8	D Sweeney	88
4 (10)	122126	Rear Window (9) (D) G McCourt 4-9-7	R Studholme (5)	88
5 (8)	40-500	Thatchmaster (16) (BF) C Horgan 7-9-6	Paul Eddery	84
6 (4)	03-530	Prospector's Cove (61) J Pearce 5-9-6	K Fallon	82
7 (12)	140-04	Kerateans (19) (CD) G Balding 5-9-5	S Drowne	85
8 (1)	00-553	Paddy McGoon (17) D Elsworth 3-9-2	R Pollard (7)	82
9 (7)	/500-0	Light Reflections (60) P Murphy 5-8-8	J Lowe	79
10 (13)	010-00	Dauphin (15) (D) W Musson 5-8-7	R Cochrane ●	90
11 (5)	00-006	Premier League (18) K Cunningham-Brown 8-8-3	N Carlisle	83
12 (11)	006-03	Tajar (24) (D) T Keddy 6-8-0	J Quinn	77
13 (2)	0360-U	Courageous Knight (J12) P Hayward 9-7-13	M Henry	84

Betting: 4-1 Kerateans, 5-1 Gee Bee Boy, 6-1 Pay Homage, Rear Window, 7-1 Paddy Mcgoon, 8-1 Thatchmaster, Dauphin

9.10 BRIAN JOHNSTON CENTRE CLASSIFIED STAKES
1m 2f £2,444 (12 declared)

1 (6)	250-06	Cherokee Flight (7) S Mellor 4-9-5	M Wigham	88
2 (2)	/0060-	Loveyoumillions (J31) M Pipe 6-9-5	D Harrison	—
3 (4)	44422	Ocean Park (300) (D) (BF) Lady Herries 7-9-5	A Clark	86
4 (12)	50-050	Sandy Saddler (33) S Dow 4-9-5	W Ryan	84
5 (3)	/001-0	Show Faith (21) R Hannon 8-9-5	R Hughes	88
6 (7)	60-640	Wild Palm (30) Mrs A E Johnson 6-9-5	K Fallon ★	87
7 (11)	111111	Lady Rockstar (3) (CD) M Ryan 3-9-4	N Callan (7) ●	90
8 (8)	058501	Perfect Poppy (6) (D) S Dow 4-9-2	R Smith (7)	83
9 (10)	246-36	Twin Time (30) J King 4-9-2	P P Murphy (3)	89
10 (3)	4/01	El Ghazzee (9) M Janis 3-8-9	P Robinson	85
11 (1)	44060	Belcade (8) D T Jewarth 3-8-7	S Drowne ★	77
12 (5)	01-004	Flying Bold (24) (BF) W Muir 3-8-7	J Reid	84

Betting: 2-1 Lady Rockstar, 7-1 Flying Bold, 8-1 Perfect Poppy, El Ghazzee, 10-1 Loveyoumillions, Show Faith, Wild Palm, Twin Time

Musselburgh tonight

	GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
6.55	Go Positive	Mondragon
7.25	Newhargen	Sealed By Fate
7.55	Aldwych Arrow	Aldwych Arrow (nap)
8.25	Lucky Begonia	Fallopep
8.55	Misty Moor	Flaxed Pride
9.25	Dina Line (nap)	Broctune Gold

Right-handed, oval track of almost 1¼m with sharp turns and 4f run-in. Straight 5f
Going: Good. ★ Denotes blinkers ● Top form rating.
Draw: Low numbers favoured over 5f. High best over 7f and 1m
Seven day winners: None.
Blinkered first time: 6.55 Grand Hotel. 7.25 Burning Love, Nobin Patriot.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing. J, Jumps.

6.55 GIFFORD APPRENTICE HCAP — SKY
2m £2,155 (8 declared)

1 (7)	202345	Mondragon (14) (D) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10	T Eaves (5) ●	90
2 (3)	0-R501	Urgent Reply (12) C Dwyer 5-8-12	J Savage (5)	87
3 (2)	06600-	So Keen (J16) A Bailey 5-8-3	J Bosley	—
4 (6)	23-600	Thisonesforalice (7) (C) J Goldie 10-8-0	P Goode	83
5 (3)	-61356	Breydon (5) P Monteith 5-7-12	B Egan (5)	82
6 (1)	440304	Go Positive (11) Mrs G Rees 3-7-10	Angela Hartley	85
7 (5)	06184-	Vintage Taittinger (J24) (CD) J Goldie 6-7-10	P M Quinn	86
8 (4)	002506	Grand Hotel (9) R McKellar 4-7-10	L Newman (5) ★	82

Betting: 9-4 Urgent Reply, 5-2 Mondragon, 11-2 Vintage Taittinger, 6-1 Go Positive, 10-1 So Keen, Thisonesforalice, Breydon, 12-1 Grand Hotel.

7.25 WHITEKIRK SELL HCAP 3YO — SKY
5f £2,723 (12 declared)

1 (9)	100025	Henry The Proud (5) J Berry 9-9	P Bradley (7)	87
2 (6)	-33335	Chilkapenny (146) Mrs L Stubbs 9-7	J Weaver ★	85
3 (1)	3550-6	Glass River (6) P Evans 9-2	J F Egan	83
4 (7)	300002	Sealed By Fate (6) J Wainwright 8-11	A Culhane ★ ●	90
5 (3)	406-00	Three Tanners (23) D Nicholls 8-11	Alex Greaves ★	87
6 (4)	020-00	Salle (21) M Channon 8-9	A Mackay	87
7 (10)	DR500-	Eurolon (237) A Bailey 8-7	J Bosley (7)	81
8 (5)	002604	Super Gail (4) (D) C Dwyer 8-6	G Faulkner (5)	83
9 (12)	0-0030	Noble Patriot (14) R Hollinshead 8-6	K Darley ★	83
10 (2)	00-000	Burning Love (6) N Tinkler 7-13	P Fessey ★	78
11 (6)	-00054	Newhargen (7) M Quinn 7-12	J McAuley (7)	76
12 (11)	00-000	Pabella Bluebird (24) G Oldroyd 7-10	Jane Woods (5) ★	77

Betting: 7-2 Sealed By Fate, 9-2 Henry The Proud, 6-1 Three Tanners, Noble Patriot, 8-1 Glass River, Salle, Super Gail.

7.55 LAING & CRUICKSHANK MANAGEMENT HANDICAP — SKY
1m 6f £3,435 (7 declared)

1 (1)	020410	Slipstream (13) R Guest 4-9-10	K Darley	86
2 (1)	4326-5	Lebrian (14) (C) R Allan 11-9-2	J Weaver	84
3 (5)	240271	Aldwych Arrow (10) M Bell 3-8-8	M Fenton ●	90
4 (4)	20500/	Master Hyde (J25) (C) J Goldie 9-8-8	J F Egan	—
5 (2)	2-6044	Charity Crusader (14) (D) (BF) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-6	A Culhane ★	87
6 (7)	10-0J6	Hiding Place (13) W Storey 3-8-5	T Williams	89
7 (6)	400125	Ludere (7) (C) (BF) P Monteith 3-7-10	J McAuley (7)	81

Betting: 9-4 Aldwych Arrow, 7-2 Slipstream, Charity Crusader, 6-1 Hiding Place, Ludere, 8-1 Lebrian, 20-1 Master Hyde

8.25 CREDIT LYONNAIS SECURITIES CLASSIFIED STAKES
1m 4f £2,618 (3 declared)

1 (3)	40/-4	Prophets Pride (6) P Monteith 6-9-9	R Winston (5)	82
2 (1)	0440 6	Fallopep (19) (D) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-7	A Culhane ●	90
3 (2)	-215 5	Lucky Begonia (36) A Carroll 5-9-4	C Carver (7)	88

Betting: 10-11 Lucky Begonia, 11-8 Fallopep, 6-1 Prophets Pride.

8.55 DRY BURN RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
7f 30yds £2,583 (7 declared)

1 (7)	00-000	Detroit City (6) B Rothwell 3-8-11	M Fenton	78
2 (6)	45-001	Jayir (62) D Nicholls 3-8-11	Alex Greaves	86
3 (1)	4040/7	One To Go (2) J Berry 3-8-11	P Bradley (7)	84
4 (4)	-40003	Snowballs (7) Miss L Perratt 3-8-11	J F Egan ★	85
5 (5)	200 0	Flaxen Pride (93) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8	A Culhane ●	90
6 (3)	35450-	Italian Rose (231) A Carroll 3-8-8	C Carver (7)	86
7 (2)	J0-600	Misty Moor (6) M Johnston 3-8-8	Dean McKeown	80

Betting: 5-2 Flaxen Pride, 3-1 One To Go, 7-2 Jayir, 5-1 Detroit City, 13-2 Misty Moor, 10-1 Snowballs, 12-1 Italian Rose.

9.25 GOSFORD BAY HANDICAP
1m £2,916 (8 declared)

1 (8)	3404 4	Typhoon Eight (14) D Nicholls 6-10-0	Alex Greaves	86
2 (5)	0 0564	Night Chorus (12) (D) B Rothwell 4-9-8	R Winston (5)	87
3 (1)	0-0001	Broctune Gold (14) (CD) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-5	A Culhane ●	90
4 (6)	000400	Amron (12) J Berry 11-8-6	P Fessey	82
5 (2)	30105	Dina Line (14) (D) M Bell 4-8-4	M Fenton	84
6 (7)	U60 04	Dr Woodstock (30) W Storey 4-7-12	A Mackay	86
7 (4)	00 0b1	Seconds Away (10) (CD) J Goldie 7-7-10	T Williams	85
8 (3)	040 0	Second Term (52) W Storey 3-7-10	J McAuley (7)	78

Betting: 13-8 Broctune Gold, 5-1 Night Chorus, Amron, 7-1 Typhoon Eight, Dina Line, Dr Woodstock, Seconds Away, 25-1 Second Term.

Results

GOODWOOD

2.10 (1m): 1, SOVIET BUREAU, P Robinson (8-1); **2, Green Card** (9-2); **3, Radiasmere** (9-1). 3-1 fav Swiss Law. 10 ran 1¾, shd. (Miss Gay Kelleway) Tote: £9.60; £2.20, £1.60, £2.30. Dual F: £29.40. Trio: £108.30. CSF: £39.86.

2.40 (1m 1f 192yds): 1, RIVER BEAT, A Nicholls (11-4 fav); **2, Sick As A Parrot** (100-30); **3, Red Leggings** (15-2). 6 ran ¾, 3½. (M Tompkins) Tote: £3.90; £2.30, £1.60. Dual F: £3.70. CSF: £11.13. NR: Evander.

3.10 (1m): 1, PANTAR, K Darley (11-2); **2, Sweet Wilhelmina** (9-1); **3, Topatori** (20-1); **4, Young Precedent** (14-1). 11-4 fav Star Invader. 20 ran 1¾, 1¾, shd. (I Balding) Tote: £7.70; £2.10, £1.70, £8.10, £3.40. Dual F: £31.40. CSF: £50.20. Tricast: £929.98. NR: Further Outlook, No Extras.

3.45 (6f): 1, MASHA-IL, G Hind (12-1); **2, Resist The Force** (16-1); **3, Hard To Figure** (33-1); **4, Clan Chief** (14-1). 5-1 fav White Emir. 24 ran 1¾, ¾, 1¾. (J Gosden) Tote: £14.50; £4.10, £3.50, £9.00, £3.40. Dual F: £193.10. CSF: £182.63. Tricast: £5,881.98.

4.20 (1m 4f): 1, CHURLISH CHARM, Dane O'Neill (11-8 fav); **2, Benia** (7-4); **3, Willie Conquer** (7-1). 4 ran 3, 7. (R Hannon) Tote: £2.30; . Dual F: £2.10. CSF: £3.75.

4.55 (6f): 1, MAGHAARB, K Darley (11-8 fav); **2, Exeat** (9-2); **3, Goodwood Jazz** (10-1). 9 ran 5, 4. (M Tregoning) Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.90, £1.20. Dual F: £5.70. Trio: £28.10. CSF: £8.78.

JACKPOT: £55,363.60, part won. Pool of £46,786.22 carried forward to Pontefract.
PLACEPOT: £346.60.
QUADPOT: £32.00.

DONCASTER

2.00 (1m 2f 60yds): 1, RARE TALENT, Miss J Allison (5-1); **2, Mazzeed** (100-30 jt-fav); **3, Bemiog** (5-1). 100-30 jt-fav Augustan. 10 ran 2, 3. (S Gollings) Tote: £6.50; £1.60, £1.70, £2.60. Dual F: £7.20. Trio: £15.70. CSF: £19.88. Tricast: £78.33. NR: Nite Girl, Ocean Breeze.

2.30 (1m 2f 60yds): 1, SILENCE REIGNS, D Holland (11-2); **2, Mountain Song** (9-4); **3, Great Dame** (13-8 fav). 7 ran ¾, 1¾. (Sir Michael Stoute) Tote: £7.10; £2.60, £2.20, . Dual F: £11.30. CSF: £18.66.

3.00 (5f): 1, BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY, R Winston (16-1); **2, Repertory** (11-2); **3, Ziggy's Dancer** (15-2). 5-1 fav First Maite. 10 ran 1¾, ¾. (D Shaw) Tote: £15.40; £3.30, £2.40, £2.30. Dual F. £33.00. Trio: £117.20. CSF. £93.01. Tricast: £877.05. NR: Faraway Lass.

3.35 (1m): 1, LA MODISTE, J F Egan (6-1 fav); **2, Bowcliffe** (14-1); **3, Pride of Pendle** (10-1); **4, Star Talent** (11-1). 21 ran 2, hd, 1¾. (Miss Gay Kelleway) Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £3.90, £2.10, £2.70. Dual F: £88.60. Trio: £220.60. CSF: £81.57. Tricast: £808.55. NR: Virtual Reality

4.15 (1m 2f 60yds): 1, LABEQ, R Hills (5-2 fav); **2, Karakia** (11-2); **3, Dower House** (11-2). 10 ran 2½, ¾. (P Walwyn) Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £2.30, £2.20. Dual F: £9.80. Trio: £26.10. CSF. £14.65. Tricast: £63.75

4.50 (1m 4f): 1, GLANCE, O Urbina (9-4); **2, Brigade Charge** (20-1); **3, Nacoose** (2-1 fav). 10 ran 5, ¾. (L Cumani) Tote: £3.20; £1.20, £4.60, £1.40. Dual F: £16.20. Trio: £37.50. CSF: £47.49.

5.20 (6f): 1, ELTAWAASUL, R Hills (6-11 fav); **2, Zmile** (4-1); **3, Prosperity** (8-4). 4 ran ¾, 6. (J Dunlop) Tote: £1.60; Dual F: £1.90. CSF: £3.88.

PLACEPOT: £123.90.
QUADPOT: £15.70.

UTTOXETER

2.20 (2m Hdle): 1, GRECIAN DART, A P McCoy (4-7 fav); **2, Gajan** (100-1); **3, Reflecting** (16-1). 11 ran 2, 6. (N Henderson) Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £11.20, £2.10. Dual F. £41.70. CSF: £88.88.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yds Hdle): 1, BRITANNIA MILLS, M Keighley (16-1); **2, Admiral's Guest** (4-1 jt-fav); **3, Fishive's First** (8-1). 4-1 jt-fav Vision of Freedom. 15 ran 12, ¾. (D Wintle) Tote: £13.80; £2.80, £1.80, £3.30. Dual F: £32.70. Trio: £124.30. CSF: £73.33. Tricast: £526.86. NR: Celestial Fire, Mutawali, Strong John.

3.25 (2m 5f Ch): 1, DANGER BABY, R Johnson (11-10 fav); **2, Glamanglitz** (11-8); **3, Dandie Imp** (4-1) 3 ran 5, 18. (P Bowen) Tote: £1.90; Dual F: £1.40. CSF: £2.80. NR: Northern Squire, Saskia's Hero, Time Won't Wait.

4.10 (2m Hdle): 1, ROUTING, L Cummins (16-1); **2, Count Tony** (7-2); **3, Prizefighter** (4-1). 9-4 fav Segala. 7 ran 1, 8. (M Ayliffe) Tote: £22.80; £6.00, £1.90, . Dual F. £69.50. CSF: £82.97.

4.40 (2m 5f Ch): 1, KING OF SPARTA, J A McCarthy (13-8); **2, Maggied** (8-1); **3, Name of Our Father** (6-4 fav). 10 ran ¾, 20. (O Sherwood) Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.90, £1.40. Dual F: £9.60 Trio: £5.30. CSF: £13.13.

5.10 (2m Hdle): 1, LITTLE JOE, T J Murphy (20-1); **2, Hunters' Heaven** (4-1); **3, Express Again** (12-1). 3-1 fav Broctune Line. 10 ran 8, 2. (J Smith) Tote: £13.90; £2.10, £1.90, £4.70. Dual F: £31.40. Trio: £106.60. CSF: £89.64. Tricast: £934.23.

5.40 (2m Hdle): 1, FLORENTINO, R Thornton (11-2); **2, Rolcar Joker** (8-1); **3, Craigie Boy** (4-1). 5-4 fav West And Sea. 9 ran 7, 8. (Mrs V Ward) Tote: £7.00; £1.90, £1.80, £1.40. Dual F: £34.70. Trio: £50.90. CSF: £46.66. NR: Bob Knows.

PLACEPOT: £258.60.
QUADPOT: £45.10.

THE CURRAGH

3.05 (Irish Derby): 1, DREAM WELL, C Asmussen (2-1 fav); **2, City Honours** (4-1); **3, Desert Fox** (40-1). 10 ran 4½, 1. (P Barry). Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.80, £6.30. Dual F: £4.10. Trio. £197.20. CSF. £8.73

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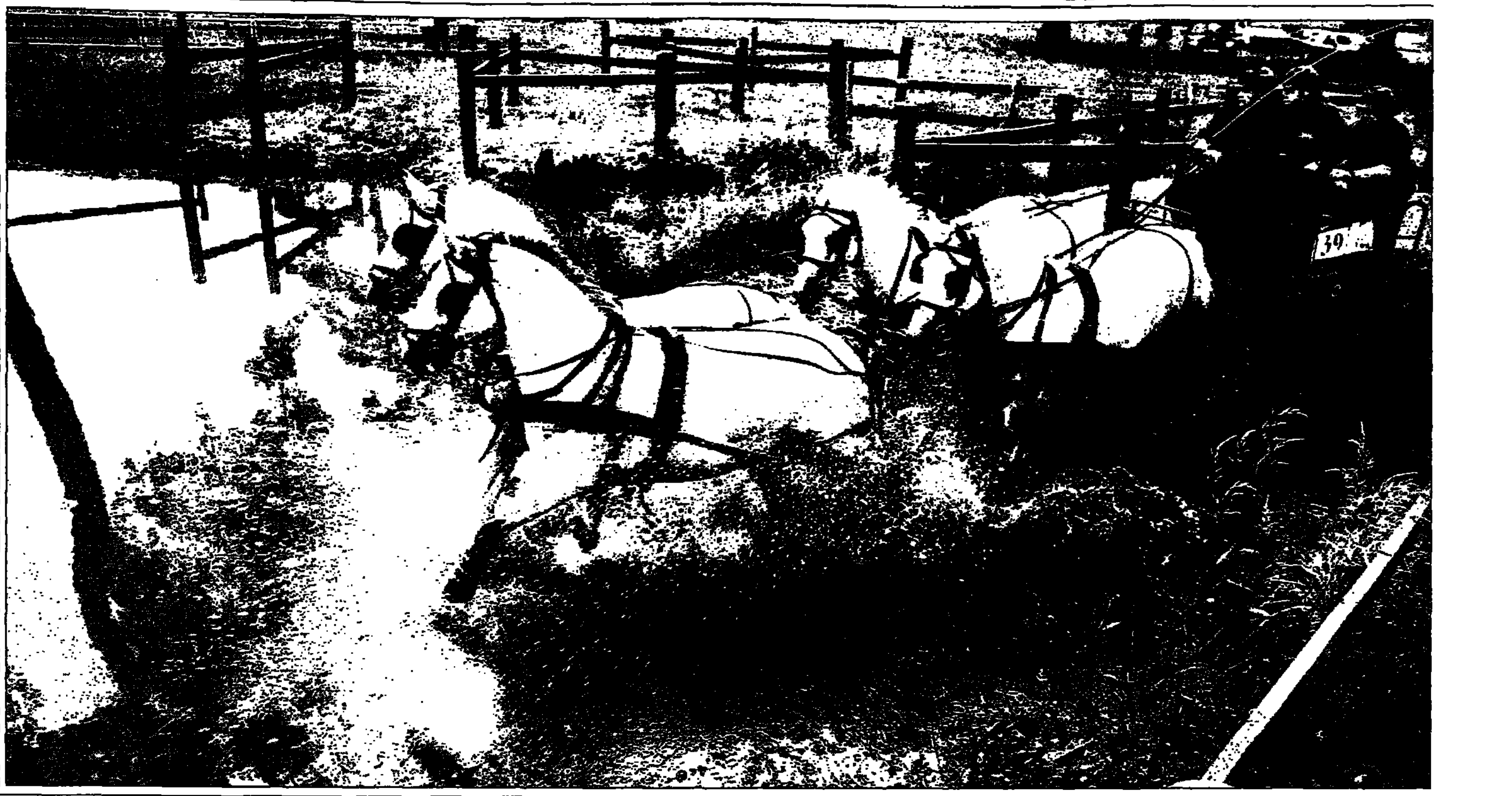
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PARTING SHOT



Taking a horse to water . . . Pippa Thomas's team about to get a soaking at the Sandringham Country Show and Horse Driving trials. Eight classes, including the Duke of Edinburgh's pony team, took part in Norfolk during the weekend

Photograph by Frank Baron

Vauxhall drives to distraction

SCREEN BREAK

Martin Kelner

HAS sport been hijacked by international capitalism? Over to you, Big Ron. If only. Anything to liven up ITV's coverage of the World Cup.

In fact, the question was *lightly* tossed around by Jon Snow and a bunch of academics on a rather earnest Channel 4 late-night discussion programme called Weekly Planet, which sought to explain the appalling behaviour of English and German football fans in France.

Professor Jenny Hargreaves, a sociologist, said the problem was that football was now "the principal carrier of national identity in a global economy". What she meant, I think, was that, now it is all McDonald's and Spice Girls instead of Greensleeves and haunches of venison, the only way our youth can express its essential Englishness is by administering a sound kicking to someone wearing a different coloured scarf.

Fortunately Tony Banks, Minister for Yobs, was on *hand to disabuse the panel of* this theory. His view was "Come on you Ing-er-land" and by the weekend he had been proven triumphantly right.

The global capitalism thing still nagged, though, never more so than when ITV flashed up one of those irritating Vauxhall ads with the weak jokes and even weaker impersonations. Vauxhall's campaign is possibly the most annoying use of an advertising budget since Shake 'n' Vac, managing unfailingly to destroy whatever mood the football has created.

It was particularly irksome after the Argentina-Croatia match in Bordeaux on Friday, which ended with a rather sexy montage of crowd shots, cut together beautifully and set to the music of Wilson Pickett's classic *Land of a Thousand Dances*.

It was probably the best thing ITV has done during this World Cup and it was ruined. Instead of fading to silence and a simple logo like Sky do, we got some stupid Glenn Hoddle joke most of us had probably seen several times before, to the accompaniment of something that may well have been the sound of the director slashing his wrists.

It was a bad week all round for ITV. It was just the luck of the draw that they got to cover the England-Romania match rather than the decider against Colombia but the hiring of Kevin Keegan as "expert" analyst was, one assumes, a conscious decision involving large sums of money changing hands.

Keegan's low-key mutterings and attempted jokes added little to the sum of human wisdom and his celebrated *faux pas*, when he predicted an England win seconds before Romania scored their decisive second goal, was the kind of spectacularly wrong-headed sporting judgment that should remain a secret between a man and his bookmaker.

There was never any danger of Trevor Brooking putting his head on the line like that. Besides, John Motson, his colleague in the commentary box for the Colombia match, was talking enough cobblers for the two of them, celebrating no doubt his selection as BBC match commentator for the final.

I was rather hoping Barry Davies would get the nod. He has had an excellent World Cup but you have to say — as Motty himself would put it — that for those who relish the joy of bathos there can be only one commentator.

"He's become a dedicated reader of quite serious literature," Motty said of Tony Adams at one point, "and he's certainly read this game well." And, after Beckham's goal, he commented: "The young Prince [Harry] is watching from the stand, and that second goal was certainly fit for a prince."

I fancy Desmond Lynam, who knows how to set them up for the form player, is egging Motty on. Before the Brazil-Chile match on Saturday evening there was a rather nice shot of a rainbow over the stadium. "Let's join John Motson at the end of that rainbow," said Lynam, leaving the way clear for any contrived Wizard of Oz reference that Motty might have prepared earlier.

Unfortunately the best our hero could come up with was, "Yes, it's been raining here in Paris, Des, while in Marseille it has been in the nineties. It *really is remarkable the* changes in climate."

Stating the obvious is something of a Motty speciality. Full marks to him, though, for resisting the temptation, despite frequent close-ups of the England coach during the Colombia match, to describe *Hoddle as "his own man"*. I am collecting the frequent uses of this meaningless phrase, occasionally varied to "very much his own man". On Friday, remarkably, I had to wait for Danny Kelly on Channel 4's Under The Moon. Should things go awry tomorrow, I expect the description to disappear without trace in favour of something closer to what the pundits have wanted to say all along.

Finally, two weeks ago in my preview of the World Cup on television I suggested that Fantasy Football with Baddiel and Skinner was a one-joke programme. I may have been overgenerous.

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Weekend results

FOOTBALL

INTERTOTO CUP: FC Tauris Sobata (Slovak) 2 Omagh Town 2 (agg: 3–2).

RUGBY UNION

SECOND TEST

New Zealand	40	England	10

INTERNATIONALS

South Africa	96	Wales	11
France	34	Fiji	9

RUGBY LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE

Bradford (24) 36
T: Bradley 2, Deacon, Forshaw, Lowes, Spruce
G: McNamara 6, Deacon
Huddersfield (0) 10
T: Arnold 2
G: Cook
Att: 12,024

Castleford (4) 4
T: P Smith
Wigan (18) 34
T: Paul 2, Connolly, Farrell, P Johnson, Moore
G: Farrell 5
Att: 6,734

Halifax (24) 34
T: Bentley, Harrison, Marshall, Moana, Powell, Rowley
G: Clinch 5
London (2) 14
T: Cotton, Ryan, Smyth
G: Matterson
Att: 4,443

Hull (14) 20
T: Craven, Hunte, Murdock
G: Hallas 2, Smith 2
Sheffield (12) 38
T: Sodje 3, Doyle, Senior, Turner
G: Wood 4, Morganson
DG: Doyle
Att: 5,020

St Helens (24) 48
T: Goulding 2, C Smith 2, Goldspink, Long, Perelini, Sullivan
G. Goulding 8
Salford (0) 12
T: Alker, Randall
G: White 2
Att: 6,130

Warrington (12) 14
T: Tuuta
G: Rudd 5
Leeds (8) 27
T: Cummins, Farrell, Hay, McDermott, Sheridan
G. Harris 3
DG: Holroyd
Att: 5,334

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	12	11	0	1	400	106	22
Leeds	12	11	0	1	318	156	22
Halifax	12	9	0	3	298	218	18
St Helens	12	7	0	5	315	221	14
Bradford	12	7	0	5	252	188	14
Sheffield	12	4	1	7	254	259	9
Warrington	12	4	1	7	200	322	9
Hull	12	4	0	8	226	284	8
Salford	12	4	0	8	178	268	8
Castleford	12	4	0	8	188	284	8
London	12	4	0	8	172	279	8
Huddersfield	12	2	0	10	152	382	4

FIRST DIVISION

Keighley (12) 25
T: Donohue 2, K Smith 2, McDonald
G: Longo 2
DG: Tyrer
Hunslet (12) 18
T: Barber, Goddard, St Hilaire
G: Ross 3
Att: 2,016

Leigh (14) 20
T: Arkwright, Purtill, Street
G: Wingfield 4
Hull KR (20) 48
T: Gene 3, Danby 2, Dixon, P Fletcher, Hill
G: Charles 8
Att: 774

Rochdale (26) 27
T: Stephens 3, Aston, Swann
G: Farrell 3
DG: Topping
Featherstone (16) 50
T: Pratt 3, Chapman, Collins, Evans, Hall, Irwin, Kimmell
G: Fallins 7
Att: 898

Swinton (16) 31
T: Coley 2, P Barrow, S Casey, Watson
G: Gartland 5
DG: Price-Jones
Dewsbury (15) 16
T: B Williams 2, Bramald
G: Agar 2
Att: 1,178

Whitehaven (32) 48
T: Kiddie 2, Wilson 2, Cantillon, Hetherington, Quirk, Wallace, Williams
G: Armstrong 5, Hetherington
Widnes (8) 14
T: Munro, Percival, Salisbury
G: Wood
Att: 786

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	20	15	1	4	511	337	31
Hull KR	21	14	1	6	509	345	29
Dewsbury	21	12	2	7	526	350	26
Swinton	21	13	0	8	513	370	26
Featherstone	21	11	1	9	535	453	23
Hunslet	21	11	1	9	489	413	23
Whitehaven	21	11	0	10	517	455	22
Keighley	21	9	0	12	398	507	18
Widnes	21	8	1	12	466	530	17
Leigh	21	4	0	17	387	802	8
Rochdale	21	3	1	17	397	661	7

SECOND DIVISION

Barrow (4) 16
T: Adderson 2, Kavanagh, McKelleher
G: Marwood
DG: Holt
Oldham (2) 2
G: Wilkinson
Att: 1,333

Bramley (15) 24
T: Eldershaw, A Gibbons, Rivett, K Smith, Tiffany
G: K Smith 2
Batley (8) 18
T: Bargate, Mirfin, Walton
G: Price 2
Att: 820

Lancashire Lynx (26) 48
T: Byrne 2, Abram, Ashcroft, Donno, P Jones, Parsley, Pekepo, Prest
G: P Jones 6
Workington (8) 12
T: Close, Little
G: Richardson
DG: Close, Maguire
Att: 647

TOUR MATCH
N Div Aboriginals 30 BARLA Gt Britain 54

ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford 26 Featherstone 12; Castleford 19 Wigan 32; Hull 72 Wakefield 10; St Helens 12 Salford 15; Warrington 8 Leeds 47.
ALLIANCE: First Division: Barrow 34 Whitehaven 26; Batley 42 Rochdale 10; Hemel Hempstead 38 Leigh 18; Keighley 28 Workington 10.
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premiership: Round 16: Wests 30 Manly 45; Cronulla 28 Canterbury 6; Gold C 12 Adelaide 40; Melbourne 21 Auckland 24.

GOLF

FRENCH OPEN (Le Golf National)
Leading final scores (GB/Ire unless stated):

276
S Torrance 64 70 72 70
278
M Florioli (It) 69 67 75 67
O Edmond (Fr) 70 70 71 67
B Langer (Ger) 71 70 68 69
M Goggin (Aus) 69 70 69 70
279
M Farry (Fr) 70 67 73 69
P Linhart (Sp) 66 73 70 70
280
S Luna (Sp) 75 68 67 70
R Claydon 69 70 70 71
D Howell 70 69 69 72
281
S Kjeldsen (Den) 70 72 75 64
J Sandelin (Swe) 74 69 71 67
P Walton 72 73 69 67
A Cejka (Ger) 70 69 73 69
M Campbell (NZ) 70 67 69 75
282
P McGinley 71 72 72 67
N Joakimides (Fr) 72 68 73 69
I Garbutt 73 68 72 69
J Van de Velde (Fr) 67 71 73 71
P Broadhurst 73 70 68 71
R Goosen (SA) 70 70 70 72
T Gillis (Aus) 72 71 66 73
283
A Balicki (Fr) 72 73 72 66
C Montgomerie 74 68 73 68
F Cea (Sp) 75 68 71 69
E Romero (Arg) 66 75 72 70
A Clapp 72 71 70 70
M A Jimenez (Sp) 72 73 68 70
284
R Drummond 70 71 75 68
R Jacquelin (Fr) 73 70 73 68
G Nicklaus (US) 69 75 71 69
G J Brand 70 73 71 70
K Eriksson (Swe) 68 71 74 71
P Mitchell 71 74 68 71
V Phillips 71 72 68 72
S Scahill (NZ) 73 71 68 72
T Gogele (Ger) 74 68 69 73
285
G Orr 74 70 73 68
C Hainline (US) 71 71 73 70
J L Guepy (Fr) 75 70 70 70
W Riley (Aus) 70 68 76 71
286
A Stolz (Aus) 74 70 73 69
F Howley 70 72 73 71
A Hunter 71 74 68 73
J Spence 72 70 69 75
287
D Robertson 68 75 74 70
H P Thuel (Ger) 69 74 74 70
J Wade (Aus) 74 71 71 71
M Roe 74 68 70 75
288
R Lee 73 71 74 70
S Struver (Ger) 72 73 73 70
289
G Turner (NZ) 72 73 72 72
K Tomori (Japan) 68 73 75 73
S Webster 70 73 73 73
D Cole (Aus) 70 74 72 73
D Borrego (Sp) 72 72 69 76
283
M Nilsson (Swe) 73 69 76 66
284
M Santi (It) 75 71 70 68
R Sjoberg (Swe) 64 74 74 72
G Pietrobono (It) 67 71 74 72
Also: 291
A Collison 78 70 70 73

SWEDISH SENIORS (Fagelbro):
Leading final scores (GB/Ire unless stated):
209
M Bembridge 70 67 72
(Bembridge won at first play-off hole)
J Rhodes 70 69 70
210
A Croce (It) 73 71 66
211
J R Delich (US) 71 73 67
212
N Ratcliffe (Aus) 74 71 67
J Hudson 71 71 70
213
E Polland 74 71 68
D Simon (US) 71 70 72
T Horton 74 71 68
214
R Campagnoli (It) 71 73 70
B Hardwick (Can) 71 73 70
215
N Wood 70 73 72
B Waites 74 70 71
D Jones 72 73 70
I Richardson 71 72 72
216
T Gale (Aus) 74 73 69
D Evans (US) 72 73 71
L Higgins 71 71 74
T Britz (SA) 80 68 68
A Garrido (Sp) 74 71 71
D Creamer 75 74 67

LPGA CLASSIC (Atlantic City):
Leading second-round scores (US unless stated):
131
A Sorenstam (Swe) 66 65
133
J Inkster 67 66
135
T Barrett 66 69
136
D Coe-Jones (Can) 71 65
K Robbins 69 67
L Kane (Can) 69 67
D Andrews 68 68
R Jones 67 69
137
L Walters (Can) 70 67
V Odegard 70 67
S Maiora (Ind) 67 70
C McMillan (GB) 66 71
M Dunn 66 71
138
B Iverson 70 68
H Alfredsson (Swe) 70 68
L Bonvecutti (Br) 67 71
A Dibos (Per) 66 72
GB:
139
H Dobson 71 68
S Strudwick 70 69
140
A Nicholas 70 70
141
J Moodie 70 71
D Reid 68 73
143
L Hackney 72 71
Did not qualify: 144 J Morley 70 74. **145** C Matthew 74 71. **146** S Lowe 75 71: T Johnson 74 72; L Davies 72 74. **149** K Marshall 72 77. **151** C Dibnah 72 79.

WESTERN OPEN (Illinois):
Leading third round scores (US unless stated):
201
V Singh (Fiji) 68 68 65
203
G Kraft 67 70 66
205
J Durant 68 67 70
206
L Janzen 68 69 69
207
S Stricker 71 69 67
208
J Ozaki (Japan) 71 69 68
S Hoch 71 67 70
209
S Flesch 69 70 70
210
T Cooley 71 70 69
T Armour 72 69 69
211
M Wiebe 74 70 67
J Furyk 72 71 68
C Perry 73 69 69
Also: 212 T Woods, **213** J Leonard, **215** N Price (Zim).

PGA CHALLENGE TOUR: TURKISH OPEN (Istanbul):
Leading final scores (GB/Ire unless stated):
273
T Nielsen (Nor) 68 70 66 69
274
F Valera (Sp) 67 69 73 65
275
J Robinson 67 69 71 68
B Nelson (US) 71 70 69 65
D R Jones 69 68 70 68
277
S Young 70 70 67 70
J M Arruti (Sp) 71 67 68 71
S Hansen (Den) 67 68 70 72
R Winchester 69 66 69 73
278
F Lindgren (Swe) 70 70 70 68
J P Cixous (Fr) 69 70 70 69
A Hansen (Den) 70 69 70 69
N Rorbaek (Nor) 67 67 74 70

PGA CHALLENGE TOUR: ITALIAN OPEN:
Leading final scores (GB/Ire unless stated):
276
P Magnebrant (Swe) 71 69 65 71
(Magnebrant won at first play-off hole)
J Sandan (Aus) 71 68 68 69
281
F Guermani (It) 73 67 75 66
282
P Gottfridsson (Swe) 74 73 67 68
A Canessa (It) 73 71 69 69

WELSH WOMEN'S AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (The Rolls of Monmouth).
Leading final round scores:
150
G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District) 75 75
152
C Court (Goodwood) 76 76
154
J Lamb (West Wiltshire) 78 76

ATHLETICS

EUROPEAN CUP (St Petersburg) (GB unless stated): **Men: 100m:** 1 S Cali (Fr) 10.32sec; 2 A Porkhomovskiy (Rus) 10.40; 3 C Jackson 10.41. **Invitation 100m** (non-scoring): 1 J Gardener 10.33, 2 D Campbell 10.37; 3 D Chambers 10.41; 6 J Golding 11.94. **200m:** 1 D Walker 20.42; 2 C Cheval (Fr) 20.61; 3 A Attene (It) 20.69. **400m:** 1 M Richardson 45.81; 2 J Podebradsky (Cz) 46.10; 3 D Golovastov (Rus) 46.50. **800m:** 1 A Longo (It) 1.45.40, 2 L Vydra (Cz) 1.45.82; 3 A Hart 1.46.19. **1500m:** 1 G D'Urso (It) 3.44.58; 2 R Estevez (Sp) 3.44.91; 3 J Mayock 3 45.09. **3,000m:** 1 D Baumann (Ger) 7.41.92; 2 M Pancorbo (Sp) 7.42.24; 3 A Whiteman 7.43 61. **5,000m:** 1 A Garcia (Sp) 13.37.45; 2 M *Essaid (Fr) 13.37.79; 3 S Franke (Ger)* 13.38.90; 6 K Keska 13.58 30. **400m hurdles:** 1 R Mashchenko (Rus) 48.49; 2 F Mori (It) 48.57, 3 S Kolb (Ger) 49.43; 6 T Borsumato 49.79. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1 A Lambruschini (It) 8.32.96; 2 A *Green (Ger) 8.34.21; 3 M Belabbes* (Fr) 8.35.12; 6 B Whitby 8.42.12. **4x100m relay:** 1 GB 38.56, 2 France 38.80; 3 Russia 39.13. **4x400m relay:** 1 GB 3.00.95; 2 Italy 3.03.45; 3 France 3.03.57. **High jump:** 1 S Kilugin (Rus) *2.28m; 2 B Challenger 2.28*, 3 T Janku (Cz) 2.25. **Long jump:** 1 K Sosunov (Rus) 8.38m; 2 M Kovac (Cz) 8.14, 3 N Morgan 7.85. **Triple jump:** 1 J Edwards 17.29m; 2 J Kuntos (Cz) 16.91; 3 H Verzi (Ger) 16.74. **Pole vault:** 1 Y Smiryagin (Rus) 5.60m; 2= J Garcia (Sp), H Vaaraniemi (Fin) 5.50. **Discus:** 1 D Shevchenko (Rus) 65.14m; 2 J Schult (Ger) 64.37; 3 D Fortuna (It) 62.49, 4 R Weir 59.75. **Javelin:** 1 B Henry (Ger) 84.77m, 2 S Makarov (Rus) 84.37; 3 A Parviainen (Fin) 84.33; 4 M Hill 83.50. **Shot:** 1 M Halvari (Fin) 20.79m; 2 O-S Buder (Ger) 19.97, 3 M Martinez (Sp) 19.86; 6 M Proctor 17.98. **Final standings:** 1 GB 111pts; 2 Germany 108.5; 3 Russia 102; 4 Italy 101; 5 France 89.5; 6 Cz Rep 87; 7 Spain 67.5; 8 Finland *52.5*
Women: 100m: 1 I Privalova (Rus) 11.04sec; 2 C Arron (Fr) 11.14, 3 A Philipp (Ger) 11.26. 6 M Richardson 11.57. **Invitation 100m** (non-scoring): 1 J Maduaka 11.81; 2 A Prokofjeva (Slo) *11.89; 3 D Fraser 11.90; 4 E Ruddock* 11.94. **200m:** 1 E Suchovska (Cz) 22.96; 2 S Felix (Fr) 22.98, 3 M Paschke (Ger) 22.98; 5 K Merry 23.22. **400m:** 1 H Fuchsova (Cz) 51.33; 2 I Rosikhina (Rus) 51.48; 3 A Curbishley 51.48. **800m:** 1 L Mikhaylova (Rus) 1.58.01; 2 I Lishchynska (Ukr) 1.58.15; 3 L Formanova (Cz) 1.59 44. 6 T Blake 2.02.06. **1500m:** 1 O Komyagina (Rus) 4 05.88, 2 P Radcliffe 4.05.92; 3 A Suldesova (Cz) 4.06.25. **3,000m:** 1 O Yegorova (Rus) 9 04.03; 2 B Bitzner (Fr) *9 06.74; 3 L Zaitue (Ger) 9.10.18; 7 A* Davies 9.17.03. **5,000m:** 1 P Radcliffe 15.06.87; 2 K Fonseca (Ger) 15.10.33. 3 J Llado (Fr) 15.17.58. **100m hurdles:** 1 B Bukovec (Sloven) 12.88; 2 P Girard (Fr) 12.89; 3 T Reshetnikova (Rus) 13 06; 6 *A Thorp 13.45.* **400m hurdles:** 1 T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 54.15; 2 Y Bakhvalova (Rus) 54.72; 3 S Rieger (Ger) 54.83. 6 V Jamison 57.51. **4x100m relay:** 1 Russia 42.49; 2 Germany 42.58; 3 France 42.61. **4x400m relay:** 1 Russia 3.26.52; 2 Cz Rep 3.28.05; 3 GB 3.28.07. **High jump:** 1 Z Kovacikova (Cz) 1.98m; 2 A Astafei (Ger) 1.95; 3 Y Gulyayeva (Rus) 1.95; 6 J Jennings 1.89. **Triple Jump:** 1 F May (It) 14.65m; 2 S Kasparkova (Cz) 14.88; 3 O Hovorova (Ukr) 14.13; 4 C Henry 13.95. **Pole Vault:** 1 D Bartova (Cz) 4.35m; 2 J Whitlock 4.30; 3 N Rieger (Ger) 4.20. **Discus:** 1 N Sadova (Rus) 64.18m; 2 A Moellenbeck (Ger) 60 80, 3 O Antonova (Ukr) 58.28; 6 S Drew 56.10. **Hammer:** 1 O Kuzenkova (Rus) 65.89m; 2 K Munchow (Ger) 64.86; 3 C Lignot (Fr) 61.12. 5 L Shaw 58.02. **Javelin:** 1 T Damaske (Ger) 62.30m; 2 N Tomackova (Cz) 60.82; 3 O Makarova (Rus) 58.38; 6 L Jackson 54.56. **Shot:** 1 L Korzhanenko (Rus) 20.65m; 2 J Oakes 18.38; 3 S Storp (Ger) 18.38. **Final standings:** 1 Russia 124pts; 2 Germany 108; 3 France 93; 4 Cz Rep 89. 5 GB 81; 6 Italy 78; 7 Ukraine 64; 8 Slovenia 45.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AFL: Round 14: Carlton 13.14 (92) Hawthorn 11.10 (76); Richmond 23.7 (145) Fremantle 8.7 (55); St Kilda 12.15 (87) Western Bulldogs 10.12 (72); Port Adelaide 13.13 (91) Geelong 10.13 (73)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Los Angeles 5 Pittsburgh 2. **Saturday:** Los Angeles 2 Pittsburgh 0.
INTERLEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 4 Houston 2; Detroit 3 Cincinnati 4; Kansas C 6 Chicago Cubs 3; Minnesota 5 St Louis 1; Chicago WS 1 Milwaukee 2. Florida 1 Boston 6; Montreal 9 Baltimore 4; Philadelphia 7 Tampa Bay 0; Atlanta 4 Toronto 6; NY Mets 4 NY Yankees 8; Colorado 12 Oakland 6; Arizona 13 Seattle 8; San Diego 6 Anaheim 3; San Francisco 3 Texas 7. **Saturday:** Cleveland 5 Houston 9; NY Mets 2 NY Yankees 7; San Diego 5 Anaheim 1; San Francisco 6 Texas 5; Chicago WS 5 Milwaukee 10. *Detroit 5 Cincinnati 8; Florida 4 Boston 9;* Montreal 3 Baltimore 1; Atlanta 2 Toronto 0; Philadelphia 1 Tampa Bay 5; Colorado 6 Oakland 8; Kansas C 4 Chicago Cubs 3; Minnesota 2 St Louis 7; Arizona 4 Seattle 6.

MOTORCYCLING

DUTCH GP (Assen): **500cc** 1 M Doohan (Aus) Honda; 2 M Biaggi (It) Honda; 3 S Crafar (NZ) Yamaha; 4 A Barros (Br) Honda; 5 C Checa (Sp) Honda; 6 A Criville (Sp) Honda. **Championship standings:** 1 Biaggi 118pts; 2 Doohan 116; 3 Criville 113; 4 Checa 106. 5 Aoki 56. **250cc:** 1 V Rossi (It) Aprilia; 2 J Fuchs (Ger) Aprilia, 3 H Aoki (Japan) Honda, 4 L D'Antin (Sp) Yamaha; *5 T Ukawa (Japan) Honda; 6 S Porto* (Arg) Aprilia. 8 J Vincent Honda. **Championship standings:** 1 T Harada (Japan) Aprilia 104pts; 2 L Capirossi (It) Aprilia 90; 3 Rossi Aprilia 85; 4 T Ukawa (Japan) Honda 73; 5 H Aoki (Japan) *Suzuki 84.* **125cc:** *1 M Melandri (It)* Honda; 2 K Sakata (Japan) Aprilia; 3 T Manako (Japan) Honda; 4 L Cecchinello (It) Honda; 5 M Tokudome (Japan) Aprilia; 6 M Giansanti (It) Honda. **World championship standings:** 1 Sakata 131pts; 2= Manako, Melandri 97pts; 4 Cecchinello 86. 5 Azuma 65.

CHESS

DORTMUND SPARKASSEN GRANDMASTERS *(Ger):* **Round Two:** V Kramnik (Rus) 1 P Svidler (Rus) 0; Z Almasi (Hun) 1 A Belyavsky (Slo) 0; V Ivanchuk (Ukr) 1 A Shirov (Sp) 0; P Leko (Hun) v M Adams (Eng), V Anand (Ind) v A Yusupov (Ger) drawn. **Leaders:** Ivanchuk, Kramnik 1½; Adams, others 1.

MOTOR SPORT

AUTO TRADER RAC BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP (Croft). **Round 13:** *1 J Thompson (GB) Honda* Accord; 2 A Reid (GB) Nissan Primera, 3 A Menu (Switz) Renault Laguna; 4 R Rydell (Swe) Volvo S40; 5 Y Muller (Fr) Audi A4; 6 J Cleland (GB) Vauxhall Vectra. **Round 14:** 1 Rydell, 2 D Leslie *(GB) Nissan Primera; 3 Reid; 4 Menu;* 5 Thompson; 6 Plato. **Championship standings: Drivers:** 1 Rydell 145pts; 2 Menu 103; 3 Reid 102; 4 Thompson 98; 5 Cleland 96; 6 Plato 92. **Manufacturers:** 1 Volvo 150pts; 2 Nissan 149; 3 Renault 146; 4 Honda 116, 5 Vauxhall 111; 6 Ford 77. **Teams:** 1 Williams Renault 97pts; 2 Nissan Racing 89; 3 Volvo Racing 75. **Autosport Independents:** 1 T Rustad (Nor) Honda 139pts, 2 Neal 117, 3 Robb Gravett (GB) Honda 115
FIA GT CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hockenheim, Ger): **Third round:** 1 B Schneider/M Webber (Ger/Aus) Mercedes; 2 K *Ludwig/R Zonta (Ger/Br);* 3 E Bernard/D Brabham (Fr/GB) Panoz

Fixtures

RUGBY LEAGUE

MASON COMMUNICATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP: England Stdts v Wales Stdts (5.0, Whitecraigs); Scotland Stdts v Ireland Stdts (7.0, Whitecraigs).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol (4 days): Glouc v Somerset
AON TROPHY: Southampton: Hampshire v Worcestershire. **Northampton:** Northants v Minor Counties.

Wimbledon '98

Saturday's results

Men's Singles
Holder: P Sampras (US, 1)

Second round
(Seeds in capitals)
F Clavet (Sp) bt G Canas (Arg) 6–7 2–6 7–6 6–1 6–4

Third round
W Ferreira (SA) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6–2 4–6 6–3 6–1; **J Siemerink** (Neth) bt J **BJORKMAN** (Swe, 11) 7–5 5–7 2–6 6–4 7–5; **P KORDA** (Cz, 3) bt J Golmard (Fr) 4–6 7–5 7–5 7–5; **T HENMAN** *(GB, 12) bt B* Black (Zim) 6–4 6–4 3–6 7–5, **M Philippoussis** (Aus) bt D Bracciali (It) 6–3 6–4 6–4; **J Van Lottum** (Neth) bt T Haas (Ger) 6–3 6–3 6–3; **J Stoltenberg** (Aus) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6–1 3–6 6–3 3–6 6–3; **M Larsson** (Swe) bt H Arazi (Mor) 6–3 6–3 6–2; T Martin (US) leads T A Woodbridge (Aus) 6–4 4–6 7–6 2–2 unfin; N Kiefer (Ger) leads R KRAJICEK (Neth, 9) 2–1 unfin; P SAMPRAS (US, 1) leads T Enqvist (Swe) 6–3 5–5 unfin.

Men's Doubles
Holders: T A Woodbridge/ M Woodforde (Aus)

First round
G Stafford/K Ullyett (SA) bt T Nijssen/S Noteboom (Neth) 7–6 4–6 9–7; **M KNOWLES/D NESTOR** (Bah/Can, 11) bt M Kell/T J Middleton (US) 7–6 6–2; **J ELTINGH/P HAARHUIS** (Neth, 1) bt J P Fleurian/J Waite (Fr/US) 6–4 7–6; **K Braasch/J Knippschild** (Ger) bt D Bowen/B Talbot (US/SA) 6–3 6–7 6–4; **M BHUPATHI/L PAES** (India, 3) bt M Mirnyi/A Olhovskiy (Bela/Rus) 6–4 6–3; **N Godwin/T Ketola** (SA/Fin) bt J EAGLE/A FLORENT (Aus, 13) 6–4 7–6; **N BROAD/P NORVAL** (GB/SA, 14) bt D Roditi/S Sargsian (Mex/Arm) 6–7 7–6 7–5; **L Milligan/A Parmar** (GB) bt D Orsanic/M Rueh (Arg/Ven) 1–6 7–5 6–6; **C Haggard/P Rosner** (SA) bt J Delgado/A L Foster (GB) 6–3 6–4; **E FERREIRA/R LEACH** (SA/US, 4) bt M MacLagan/A L Richardson (GB) 6–3 6–1; **M DAMM/J GRABB** (Cz/US, 8) bt M Barnard/G Grant (SA/US) 2–6 6–4 6–2; **P GALBRAITH/B STEVEN** (US/NZ, 9) bt B Cowan/T Spinks (GB) 6–3 3–6 6–3; **W Arthurs/A Kratzmann** (Aus) bt N Djordjevic/B Groen (Yug/Neth) 5–7 7–6 6–6; **W BLACK/S LAREAU** (Zim/Can, 12) bt R Matheson/N Weal (GB) 6–2 6–4; **J L De Jager/R Koenig** (SA) bt N Aerts/A Sa (Br) 6–3 6–4; **M K GOELLNER/D PRINOSIL** (Ger, 15) bt M Merklein/M Sell (US) 6–2 6–2; T Martin/A O'Brien (US) lead M Tebbutt/P Tramacchi (Aus) 2–1 unfin; D E Sapsford/C Wilkinson (GB) lead D Johnson/F Montana (USA) 3–1 unfin.

Women's Singles
Holder: M Hingis (Switz)

Second round
C Rubin (US) bt T Snyder (US) 3–6 7–5 11–9; **A SANCHEZ VICARIO** (Sp, 5) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 4–6 6–4 6–3.

Third round
M SELES *(US, 6) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6–2* 6–3; **T Tanasugarn** (Thai) bt C Black (Zim) 6–4 6–0; **N Tauziat** (Fr, 16) bt J Halard-Decugis (Fra) 7–5 3–6 6–4; **M HINGIS** (Switz, 1) bt E Likhovtseva (Rus) 6–2 6–1; **S Smith** (GB) bt C MARTINEZ (Sp, 8) 2–6 6–3 7–5.

Women's Doubles
Holders: G Fernandez/ N Zvereva (US/Bela)

First round
M DE SWARDT/D A GRAHAM (SA/SA, 17) bt L Golarsa/M Paz (It/Arg) 6–4 7–6; **J Lee/S T Wang** (Taip) bt T Garbin/A Serra-Zanetti (It) 7–6 7–5; **M Babel/W Probst** *(Ger) bt P Stoyanova/N Van Lottum (Bul/* Fr) 6–3 6–3; **S Farina/L Montalvo** (It/Arg) bt B SCHETT/P SCHNYDER (Aut/Switz, 12) 6–4 6–7 6–1; **L M RAYMOND/R P STUBBS** (US/Aus, 7) bt A Dechaume-Balleret/L Horn (Fr/SA) 6–2 7–6, **C G BARCLAY/K A GUSE** (Aus, 14) bt S Cacic/M Pierce (US/Fr) 6–7 6–3 6–3; E Kim/M Saeki (Kor/Japan) lead T Musgrave/A Olsza (Aus/Pol) 3–0 unfin; M Drake/L Osterloh (Can/US) lead Y J Cho/S H Park (Kor) 6–2 2–3 unfin; E Likhovtseva/A Sugiyama (Rus/Japan) lead J M Pullin/L A Woodroffe (GB) 2–1 unfin; *A Ellwood/N J Pratt (Aus)* lead E S H Callens/J Halard-Decugis (Bel/Fr) 2–1 unfin; K M Adams/M M Bollegraf (US/Neth) lead D J Jones/K Po (Aus/US) 6–7 2–6 unfin; A Fusai/N Tauziat (Fr) lead V Csurgo/Y Yoshida (Hun/Japan) 6–2 2–1 *unfin; O Barabanschikova/E R De Lone* (Bela/US) lead C Martinez/P Tarabini (Sp/Arg) 6–4 2–1 unfin; V Ruano-Pascual/P Suarez (Sp/Arg) lead A G Sidot/E Wagner (Fr/Ger) 6–4 1–2 unfin.

Today's order

CENTRE COURT (Seeds in bold, 12.0): **P Sampras** (US, 1) v T Enqvist (Swe) to finish; **T Henman** (GB, 12) v **P Rafter** (Aus, 6); **M Seles** (US, 6) v **S Testud** (Fr, 14); **J Bjorkman/P Rafter** (Swe/Aus, 5) v J Novak/D Rikl (Cz).

COURT ONE (12.0): N Kiefer (Ger) v **R Krajicek** (Neth, 9) to finish; S Smith (GB) v **N Tauziat** (Fr, 16), M Serna (Sp) v **L A Davenport** (US, 2); **M Hingis/J Novotna** *(Switz/Cz, 1) v S De Beer/L Lee (SA/US).*

COURT TWO (11.0): **G Ivanisevic** (Cro, 14) v D Vacek (Cz); M Oremans (Neth) v N Zvereva (Bela); **P Korda** (Cz, 3) v J Van Lottum (Neth), **S Appelmans/M Oremans** (Bel/Neth, 13) v R Grande/G Nelson (It/US), **J Jampierre** (Fr, 7) v J Haro (Mex) BS; P Hammer (Ger) v D Sherwood (GB) BS.

Court Three (11.0): S Plischke (Aut) v **A Sanchez Vicario** (Sp, 5); **J Novotna** (Cz, 3) v C Morariu (US); (3) **A Sanchez Vicario/H Sukova** (Sp/Cz, 3) v C Cristea/E Melicharova (Rom/Cz); B Talbot/E S H Callens (SA/Bel) v **P Haarhuis/C M Vis** (Neth, 2); V Csurgo/Y Yoshida (Hun/Japan) v **A Fusai/N Tauziat** (Fr, 4) to finish; N Grandin (SA) v **J Dokic** (Aus, 2) GS.

Court Four (11.0): S Grosjean (Fra) v **F Mantilla** (Sp, 16); **C Martinez/P Tarabini** (Sp/Arg, 8) v O Barabanschikova/E R De Lone (Bela/US) to finish; **V Ruano Pascual/P Suarez** (Sp/Arg, 16) v A G Sidot/E Wagner (Fr/Ger) to finish; K Kunce/C Morariu (Aus/US) v K Boogert/R McQuillan (Neth/Aus); N Godwin/S Noorlander (SA/Neth) v **D Roditi/P Suarez** (Mex/Arg, 13); M Youzhny (Rus) v A Kracman (Slo) BS.

Court Five (11.0): **D Van Roost** (Bel, 15) v S Appelmans (Bel); J Husarova/B Ritner (Slovak/Ger) v M Grzybowska/T Tanasugarn (Pol/Thai); **F Labat/D Van Roost** (Arg/Bel, 15) v S Krivencheva/L Pleming (Bul/Aus); **R Leach/M M Bollegraf** (US/Neth, 3) v W Arthurs/K A Guse (Aus); A Florent/L Pleming (Aus) v P Kilderry/A Ellwood (Aus); **E Krauth** (Arg, 9) v L Cartwright (GB) GS.

Court Six (11.0): V Voltchkov (Bela) v D Sanguinetti (It); **M Damm/J Grabb** (Cz/US, 8) v J Holmes/A Palmer (Aus), M Gould/M R J Petchey (GB) v **Y Kafelnikov/D Vacek** (Rus/Cz, 7); R Bobkova/C Schneider (Cz/Ger) v S Smith/J Ward (GB) *to finish; S Alckels (Ger) v F Aniola (Pol)* BS; H Reesby (GB) v P Novotnikova (Cz) GS.

Court Seven (11.0): T Johansson (Swe) v F Clavet (Sp); N Marques/T Vanhoudt (Por/Bel) v **P Galbraith/B Steven** (US/NZ, 9); D Dlucia/S H Park (US/S Kor) v **M Bhupathi/M Leelo** (India/Cro, 5); **J Adelman** (Swe, 13) v L Zovko (Cro) BS; K Braasch/P Schnyder (Ger/Switz) v L B Jensen/D A Graham (US); J Trail (US) v K Basternakova (Slovak) GS.

Court Eight *(11.0):* C Black/I Selyutina (Zim/Kaz) v **Y Basuki/C M Vis** (Indo/Neth, 5); **J Eltingh/P Haarhuis** (Neth, 1) v J Siemerink/F Wibier (Neth); **L Paes/L Neiland** (India/Lat, 1) v T Kempers/K Habsudova (Neth/Slovak); A Cargill (US) v C Carter (GB) GS; C Wilkinson/L A Woodroffe (GB) v L Milligan/J Moore (GB); B Borella (Den) v V Kannan (Ind) BS.

Court Nine (11.0): **K M Adams/M M Bollegraf** (US/Neth, 8) v D J Jones/K Po (Aus/US) to finish; B Black/R A Reneberg (Zim/US) v J Gimelstob/B MacPhie (US); **M K Goellner/D Prinosil** (Ger, 15) v J L De Jager/R Koenig (SA); M Polessnig (Aut) v V Mazarakis (Gr) BS; **D Orsanic/P Tarabini** (Arg, 8) v D Johnson/S Jeyaseelan (US/Can); K Krishnamurthy (Can) v **M Sequera** (Ven, 11) GS. S Sammer (Aut) v H Collin (GB) GS

Court 10 (11.0). A Ellwood/N J Pratt (Aus) v E S H Callens/J Halard-Decugis (Bel/Fr) to finish; N Godwin/T Ketola (SA/Fin) v C Haggard/P Rosner (SA); D Randall/H Vildova (US/Cz) v G Kover/B Schett (Hun/Aut); *E Danilidou (Gr) v* **T Plesik** *(Slo, 4)* GS; K Clijsters (Bel) v **K Chevalier** (Fr, 13) GS; A Park (US) v **R Mello** (Br, 8) BS.

Court 11 (11.0): C Singer/H Vildova (Ger/Cz) v K Kschwendt/E Tatarkova (Aut/Ukr). W Arthurs/and A Kratzmann (Aus) v **M Knowles/D Nestor** (Bah/Can 11); P Nyborg/L Horn (Swe/SA) v J Tarango/E Likhovtseva (US/Rus); L Magdincev v **T Dent** (US, 11) BS. A Kratzmann/E Tatarkova (Aus/Ukr) v **N Broad/M de Swardt** (GB/SA, 12); A Nikolaeva (Bela) v I Visic (Cro) GS.

Court 12 (11.0): J M Pullin/L A Woodroffe (GB) v **E Likhovtseva/A Sugiyama** (Rus/Japan, 10) to finish; K Braasch/J Knippschild (Ger) v **N Broad/P Norval** (GB/SA, 14); **D Hantuchova** (Slovak, 15) v K Vymetal (GB) GS. D Reynolds (Mex) v L Baker (NZ) GS: M Kell/L McShea (US/Aus) v L Pimek/S Krivencheva (Bel/Bul); **V Sanon** (ICO, 14) v D Kiernan (GB) BS.

Court 13 (11.0): V Ruano Pascual (Sp) v S Williams (US); S De Beer (SA) v **I Spirlea** (Rom, 10); D E Sapsford/C Wilkinson (GB) v **D Johnson/F Montana** (US, 6) to finish; *I Gorrochategui/I Spirlea (Arg/Rom)* v L M McNeil/C Rubin (US), P Albano/M Paz (Arg) v D E Sapsford/J M Pullin (GB); A Kedryuk (Kaz) v J Melzer (Aut) BS.

Court 14 (11.0): Y J Cho/S H Park (S Kor) v M Drake/L Osterloh (Can/US) to finish; D *Flach/G Van Emburgh (US)* v **S Stolle/C Suk** (Aus/Cz, 16); **M de Swardt/D A Graham** (SA/US, 17) v J Lee/S T Wang (Taiwan); T Higgins (GB) v R Brooks (GB) BS; A Kitinov/E Melicharova (Cz) v K Ulliyett/Golarsa (SA/It); P Langer (Aut) v **R Federer** (Switz, 5) BS

Court 15 (11.0): **N Kulti/D Macpherson** (Swe/Aus, 10) v A Kitinov/P Vizner (Cz); P Albano/N Lapentti (Arg/Ecu) v **E Ferreira/R Leach** (SA/US, 4), T Martin/A O'Brien (US) v M Tebbutt/P Tramacchi (Aus) to finish; **W J Cheng** (Tai, 3) v L Chramosta (Cz) BS, M Tebbutt/C G Barclay (Aus) v M Ruah/F Labat (Ven/Arg); S Americo (US) v J Haehnel (Fr) BS

Court 16 (11.0): T A Woodbridge/T Martin (Aus/US) to finish; C Rubin (US) v **V Williams** (US, 7), J Burillo/T Carbonell (Sp) v **T A Woodbridge/M Woodforde** (Aus, 2); S Williams/V Williams (US) v **N Kijimuta/N Miyagi** (Japan, 11); W Black/C Black (Zim) v **J L De Jager/K M Adams** (SA/US), T Perebiynis (Ukr) v J Schruff (Ger) GS.

Court 19 *(11.0):* T Musgrave/A Olsza (Aus/Pol) v E Kim/M Saeki (S Kor/Japan) to finish; **W Black/S Lareau** (Zim/Can, 12) v L Milligan/A Parmar (GB), N De Villiers/L McShea (SA/Aus) v **L M Raymond/R P Stubbs** (US/Aus, 7), **P Rampre** (Slo, 5) v V Razzano (Fr) GS; R Koenig/N J Pratt (SA/Aus) v C Haggard/N De Villiers (SA); M Zwar (Egypt) v **E Massa** (Arg, 15) BS.

To be arranged

P Galbraith/L M Raymond (US, 8) v S Stolle/K Kunce (Aus). T J Middleton/L M McNeil (US) v K Kinnear/N Miyagi (US/Japan); J Eagle/E R De Lone (Aus/US) v **D Macpherson/R McQuillan** (Aus, 10). **B MacPhie/L A Davenport** (US, 16) v D Wheaton/G Nielsen (US); **D Adams/A Fusai** (SA/Fr, 8) v M Barnard/K Boogert (SA/Neth); F Montana/C Schneider (US/Ger) v J Delgado/E E Jelfs (GB).



Finishing formation . . . Michael Schumacher leads Eddie Irvine and Mika Hakkinen into the hairpin on the first lap.

Coulthard pays a heavy price for his fuel

Alan Henry at Magny Cours sees McLaren falter and Ferrari's first one-two since 1990

DAVID Coulthard's World Championship prospects sustained a potentially crippling broadside in the French Grand Prix here at the Circuit de Nevers yesterday when a succession of technical hitches while refuelling his McLaren-Mercedes relegated him from what might have been a strong second place to a distant sixth at the end.

The race saw Michael Schumacher and Eddie Irvine post Ferrari's first one-two since Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell dominated the podium in the 1990 Spanish Grand Prix at Jerez.

Coulthard, who had hoped to kick-start his faltering championship campaign with a win, ran fourth until his first pit stop on lap 22 when there was a major problem with refuelling rig which meant he resumed off the pace.

Three more similarly frustrating stops on laps 55, 56 and 63 of the 71-lap race dropped him to eighth. Yet he re-took sixth from Jean Alesi's Sauber on his final lap to claim the final point of the day, following his team-mate Mika Hakkinen's third, Jacques Villeneuve's fourth for Williams and Alexander Wurz's fifth for Benetton.

"It was real Keystone Cops stuff," said an angry Coulthard afterwards. "I believe that I drove hard to get past Irvine and I was in second place when I made my first stop, and that's where I should have finished. The reason I didn't finish second is not because of something I've done but because of a problem with the car.

"I overtook Eddie for second place on the lap the team called me in, and I just presumed they knew I'd passed him. The strategy had been to put a lot of fuel in at that first stop so I could go longer on the second stint in order to pass him, which I already had.

"So I thought I was taking on more fuel at the first stop but I had the refuelling problem. So that cock-up meant that I went back into the race in a distant fourth place. Then I had three more stops because we couldn't get fuel into the car, so every time I had a bad stop it put me in the wrong place in traffic."

Elsewhere the race did not pass without controversy as the initial start was aborted after Jos Verstappen, making a Formula One return for Stewart-Ford team, stalled on the grid right on the racing line.

Unfortunately the red starting lights were switched a fraction of a second too late to the flashing orange which signals the cars to stop, and Hakkinen's McLaren surged away into the lead. The field was signalled to a halt at the end of that lap, after which the Finn squandered his pole advantage by making a poor getaway and allowing Schumacher to carve out a commanding lead.

While the German pulled clear of the field Irvine efficiently fulfilled his subservient role to keep the McLarens bottled up in third and fourth places. This was a crucial opening phase of the race which allowed Schumacher to build up a 14-second cushion before making his first refuelling stop after lap 22.

Thereafter he was able to control the race with absolute assurance, confident in the knowledge that Irvine had Hakkinen well under control. When the Finn emerged from his second refuelling stop on lap 54, after a brief stint in second place, Irvine re-took the position which he sustained through to the finish.

Coulthard is now 20 points behind his championship-leading team-mate as he returns to Silverstone this week for testing in preparation for the British Grand Prix on July 13. It could be his last stand as far as any realistic title hopes are concerned.

How they finished

1	**Michael Schumacher** (Ger) Ferrari (average speed 190.963kph)	1:34.45.028
2	**Eddie Irvine** (GB) Ferrari	+19.575
3	**Mika Hakkinen** (Fin) McLaren	19.747
4	**Jacques Villeneuve** (Can) Williams	66.965
5	**Alexander Wurz** (Aut) Benetton	1 lap
6	**David Coulthard** (GB) McLaren	1 lap
7	**Jean Alesi** (Fr) Sauber	1 lap
8	**Johnny Herbert** (GB) Sauber	1 lap
9	**Giancarlo Fisichella** (It) Benetton	1 lap
10	**Rubens Barrichello** (Br) Stewart	2 laps
11	**Olivier Panis** (Fr) Prost	2 laps
12	**Jos Verstappen** (Neth) Stewart	2 laps
13	**Mika Salo** (Fin) Arrows	2 laps
14	**Pedro Diniz** (Br) Arrows	2 laps
15	**Heinz-Harald Frentzen** (Ger) Williams	3 laps
16	**Ralf Schumacher** (Ger) Jordan	3 laps

Did not finish (not classified): **17 S Nakano** (Japan) Minardi 65 laps completed; **18 T Takagi** (Japan) Tyrrell 60; **19 J Trulli** (It) Prost 55; **20 E Tuero** (Arg) Minardi 41; **21 D Hill** (GB) Jordan 19; **22 R Rosset** (Br) Tyrrell 16.

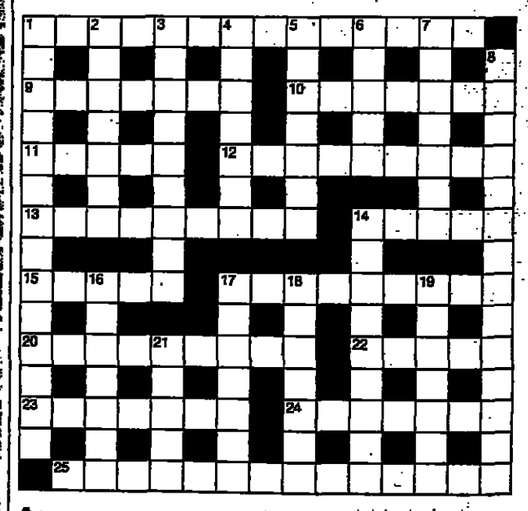
Fastest lap: Coulthard 1:17.523 (average speed 197.360kph).

Drivers' championship standings (after eight rounds): 1 Hakkinen 50pts; 2 M Schumacher 44; 3 Coulthard 30; 4 Irvine 25; 5 Wurz 14; 6 Fisichella 13; 7 Villeneuve 11; 8 Frentzen 8; 9 Barrichello 4; 10= Alesi, Salo 3; 12= Herbert, Diniz, Magnussen 1.

Constructors' championship: 1 McLaren 80; 2 Ferrari 68; 3 Benetton 28; 4 Williams 19; 5 Stewart 5; 6= Sauber, Arrows 4.

Guardian Crossword No 21,313

Set by Rufus



Across

1 Dentist's surgery used by motorists? (7,7)
9 Despoiled icon is restored to a city of Cyprus (7)
10 Musician having ear most developed (7)
11 Girl from the States taking the morning off (5)
12 A list of those who are late (5-4)
13 They go from equator to poles in ever decreasing circles (9)
14 Cast worth putting into new production (5)
15 Main meal without a starter? It won't please this man (5)
17 Unearned income? (6,3)
20 At which to drink and eat? (3,6)
22 Deal with someone with a complaint (5)
23 Shades of Paris! (7)
24 New copper meeting old copper is cut (7)
25 Station hold up for visitor from Peru (10,4)

Down

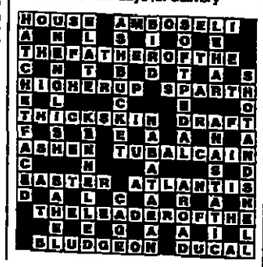
1 Forming an impression of a person with convictions (14)
2 When damaged UK relic becomes more blessed (7)
3 He connects the washing machine, pound rental is required (9)
4 Foreign nobleman enraged by exchange of letters (7)
5 They may have a night out on the tiles (7)
6 They meet for a bite (5)
7 One doesn't go in for such entertainments (7)
8 Game requiring action replays (6-2-6)
14 Recorded as having been dismantled (5,4)
16 A river once more rises and falls (7)
17 Silent film star's final appearance cut short (7)
18 Ruby is sometimes drunk on wine (4-3)
19 The sort of hat one may have to eat? (4-3)
21 Competed in speed with one in the highway (5)

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